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Quit as Army chief, opposition tells Zia

ISLAMABAD, April 17. (Reuters) Pakistan's main opposition alliance yesterday called on President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq to resign as Army chief after an arsenal explosion that killed more than 100 people and injured about 1,100.

Majr Muhammad Khan, convenor of the nine-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) alliance, told a news conference that Army inefficiency had caused Sunday's explosion at an Army ammunition dump near Islamabad.

He said the truth about the explosion, which caused thousands of rockets and bombs to rain down on parts of Islamabad and nearby Rawalpindi, would not be known as long as General Zia headed the Army.

Erupted
The devastated ammunition dump at Ojri, midway between the twin cities, erupted again on Friday night, firing off more rockets and injuring at least five people.

Military officials said about 25,000 rockets, bombs and other projectiles fired off from the dump on Sunday had been collected and would all be destroyed.

They said Friday night's renewed flareup was caused by high temperatures during the day which activated some of the rockets still lying buried at the smoldering ammunition store.

Majr said the dump contained foreign-supplied arms for the Pakistan-based Afghan guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed Afghan government.

Zia dismissed reports that the weapons were destined for the guerrillas but said he believed the explosion was an act of sabotage.

People in Baghdad celebrate victory

Faw retaken, claims Iraq

MANAMA, April 17. (Agencies) Iraq said its forces retook from Iran today the strategic Faw peninsula situated south of Basra, "crushing Iranian troops and sweeping them into the sea after a fierce battle."

State-run Iraq Television and Radio interrupted normal programmes this morning with patriotic victory songs before announcing "success at Faw."

A military spokesman in the Iraqi capital said Iraqi forces "liberated today the port town of Faw, crushing Iranian troops and sweeping them into the sea."

The spokesman said Iraq's Seventh Army Corps, supported by the Republican Guard Forces, attacked Iranian positions in Faw and "crushed them in a fierce battle."

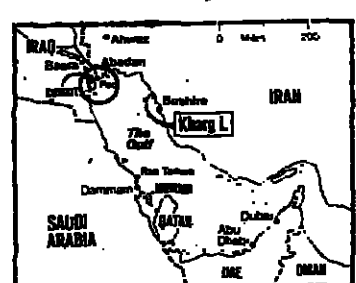
Fighting
He did not say when the fighting began, however, or the number of Iraqi and Iranian casualties.

As Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency, in an urgent dispatch from Tehran denied the Iraqi claims, witnesses in Baghdad said women and children had taken to the streets to celebrate.

The witnesses in Baghdad said people were "firing shots into the air from the roofs of their homes to celebrate the victory."

The Iranian agency, however, in a terse statement said a group of Iraqi troops "trying to infiltrate Iranian positions in Faw peninsula last night were routed by Iranian combatants suffering hundreds of casualties."

The Iranian agency said "the remaining Iraqi troops retreated." The Iraqi high command insisted, however, its forces achieved victory.



Al Wazir will be buried in Jordan

TUNIS, April 17. (Reuters) Khalil Al Wazir, PLO leader Yasser Arafat's military deputy who was assassinated in Tunis yesterday, is to be buried in Jordan tomorrow, PLO spokesman Ahmed Aberrahman said today.

Arrangements are being made for the body to be sent to Amman, he told reporters.

Wazir's brother, Galeb Al Wazir, and PLO leaders have been receiving visitors presenting their condolences at a house on the outskirts of Tunis since yesterday.

Arafat arrived in Tunis today and immediately went into secret talks with his staff on the murder of his military commander, Al Wazir.

PLO officials said the meeting was called to plot strategy after yesterday's killing of Al Wazir, a key coordinator of PLO efforts to support a four-month-old Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories.

Arafat arrived back at his Tunis headquarters from a Gulf trip early today. Close aide Salah Khalaf and hardline commander leaders Nayef Hawatmeh and George Habash were expected to attend the meeting with other members of the leadership.



A mine floats in the southern Gulf after it and two others were spotted by a US Navy helicopter. US sailors later exploded the mines harmlessly. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mine blast lifted US frigate out of water

The Iraqi military spokesman called the attack on Faw peninsula, which he described as the country's "only outlet to the sea" and which Iranian troops have held since Jan 1986, as "Operation Blessed Ramadan" — the sacred Muslim month of fasting from sunrise to sunset which began today.

The spokesman said more details of the "victory" would be broadcast on Iraqi radio and television "later."

Surprise

Iran captured the Faw peninsula, about 350 miles (560-km) southeast of Baghdad, in a surprise attack in Jan 1986, Iraq commanders later admitted they had very few troops on the peninsula as they had not been expecting an Iranian land attack there.

After taking the town of Faw, Iranian forces struck out westward along the coastal road in the direction of the Iraqi-Kuwaiti border but were forced to a halt after fierce fighting with Iraqi troops.

Western diplomats said Iraq had been expecting another Iranian offensive in Faw last winter in a bid to cut off the Iraqi-Kuwaiti road link.

But the expected Iranian offensive did not materialise, probably "because Iran lacked sufficient troops" and Tehran did not want to embarrass the Soviet Union, which became involved in mediation efforts between the two Gulf foes as the offensive was seen as "imminent."

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Israelis killed Abu Jihad: NBC
NEW YORK, April 17. (Reuters) The US television network NBC said yesterday that Palestinian guerrilla leader Khalil Al Wazir was killed by Israelis in a government-approved commando operation.

It said the action was approved by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Al Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, was shot dead in his home in a northern suburb of Tunis on Friday night.

Israel has neither confirmed nor denied PLO accusations it was responsible for the killing of Al Wazir.

Permission
In a report from its Tel Aviv correspondent, NBC said it had learned Al Wazir was killed in a combined operation by Israel's Mossad secret service, naval commandos and members of the elite Army unit that freed airline hostages from Entebbe, Uganda, in 1976.

The report, which did not specify NBC's sources, said the Mossad had asked at least three times for permission to kill Abu Jihad but each time the Israeli government stuck to what the television network called a tacit agreement not to kill PLO leaders.

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No immediate breakthrough expected

Intensive negotiations with hijackers under way

From Jadranka Porter

ALGIERS, April 17. Intensive negotiations, noted for a measure of flexibility on the part of the hijackers, got under way today at Algiers' Houari Boumedienne Airport but there is virtually no hope that the Algerians can make any headway before tomorrow.

The hijackers informed the control tower at 12.30 pm (1130 GMT) that they would delay their departure to allow more time for further talks. The message did not contain any menacing threats nor did it set any deadlines.

Earlier, the hijackers demanded 12,500 litres of fuel to be delivered by 11 am (1000 GMT). When asked whether they planned to leave at 11 am, the hijackers said they wanted kerosene by 11 am to power the air conditioning system on the aircraft. At 1 pm (1200 GMT) the refuelling trucks were ready to approach the aircraft.

Just before 11 am, an Algerian delegate went to the plane for 20-minute-long talks.

It has been speculated that the jet might leave here at 6 pm (1700 GMT) today and that the hijackers might release a hostage or two as a goodwill gesture on the eve of Ramadan which begins in Algeria tomorrow. There has been no official word either from the Algerian or the Kuwaiti

delegations. The Kuwaiti delegation led by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi, are maintaining a low profile and are content to let the Algerians run the show.

The 300 strong media corps occupying a lawn at the airport, are watching every move around the aircraft with an eagle's eye.

The agencies add: The hijackers, believed to number eight, seized the plane on a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait on April 5.

They have released a total of 71 hostages during stops in Mashhad in northeast Iran, Larnaca airport in Cyprus and Algiers.

Message

The hijackers put another hostage on the radio today to appeal for the release of 17 terrorists in Kuwait, "or the picture for all of us will be black."

The hostage, who identified himself as Awad Doukhi, said the estimated 31 captives still aboard the Boeing 747, were in good health.

"The passengers are all well," Doukhi said in his message to the control tower.

Sources close to the ongoing negotiations between the Algerian authorities and the hijackers today said that a prominent Arab figure is expected here shortly to appeal to the skyjackers to end the 13-day ordeal.

Heavy security was later clamped on Algiers airport amid indications that a top-level visitor was about to arrive.

In the biggest visible display of security since the hijacked plane flew in from Cyprus last Wednesday, police lined the roofs of terminal buildings.

In a statement in Arabic to three reporters summoned to the door of the plane yesterday, the hijackers said they wanted to leave Algeria.

Kuwait swiftly urged Algerian authorities not to let the plane leave.

There has been no outward sign of movement in negotiations, but constant visits to the plane by Algerian mediators made clear the bargaining process continued.

HH the Amir of Kuwait, telephoned Algerian President Chadli Benjedid amid signs the Algerians were looking for some concessions from the Gulf state.

Kuwait radio reported that the Amir had also been in telephone contact with King Hussein of Jordan and Egyptian President, Hosni Mubarak. It gave no details.

The Algerians agreed to accept the plane last Wednesday at the strong urging of Kuwait.

The hijackers, believed linked to pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon, have freed only one hostage since landing at Algiers.

Sheikh Saad sends message

PLO outraged by Abu Jihad's killing

From Jadranka Porter

DAMASCUS, April 17. (Agencies) The Palestine Liberation Organisation's eight factions all condemned the assassination of the movement's deputy commander, Khalil Al Wazir (better known as Abu Jihad) in Tunisia yesterday and vowed revenge, displaying unity after five years of fragmentation.

Condemnation also came from other Arab nations.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today sent a cable of condolences to the family of Al Wazir.

Sheikh Saad said in his cable: "We've lost a hero and a sincere fighter who devoted his life and sacrificed his soul for his country, nation and cause."

Syria, which had declared Al Wazir persona non grata during a 1983 feud with Arafat, said it would welcome the body if it was flown for burial in Damascus where his mother and father live.

Wishes
An official Syrian source said the body will be welcomed and so will any member of his family who wishes to attend the funeral.

Hundreds of grieving Palestinians converged on the Damascus residence of his 80-year-old father, Ibrahim Al Wazir, to offer sympathy, while the PLO factions issued similarly worded statements in Syria, Algiers and Tunisia.

"We will avenge the blood of our martyr," said statements by Saiga, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General

Command, and the Popular Struggle, the three Damascus-based groups.

The Fatah-Uprising, a dissident faction that broke away from the PLO in 1983, said in its statement: "The crime aims at liquidating the uprising and boosting the morale of the Zionist army," a reference to Palestinian rioting.

The Fatah-Uprising leader Col. Saeed Mousa visited the slain leader's father as did Talal Naji, a PFLP-GC leader who also is a bitter Arafat rival. They pledged revenge.

Hero
The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Arab Liberation Front and the Palestine Liberation Front, hailed Al Wazir as "a national hero" and also vowed to strike back at Israel.

Fatah, the PLO's backbone, which was founded by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and Al Wazir, was the most grieved and a spokesman for the group hailed him "as the national hero... who has fallen victim of the Israeli bloodbath."

"A promise to the martyr: his mission will continue and his blood will be avenged," Fatah said.

The PLO blamed Israel's Mossad intelligence service for the killing.

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Hijackers want to know about Ramadan

From Jadranka Porter

ALGIERS: At a news conference held on Saturday by the hijackers, they were asked about holding innocent hostages during Ramadan. They said: "We would not like to resort to extreme actions, but we are forced to do so in order to convince Kuwait of our resolve to achieve our objectives."

The hijackers also wanted to know when Ramadan would begin.

Reuters adds: "Is tomorrow the first day of Ramadan?" one of the hijackers asked the control tower by radio on Saturday.

"The passengers have asked about it," he added.

All the estimated 31 hostages on the aircraft are believed to be Arabs and most are Kuwaitis.

Promised

The control tower promised a quick answer to the gunmen's query. A tower official, indicating he believed Ramadan would begin in Algeria on Monday, said: "I am sure that you can take your breakfast tomorrow."

"Thank you sir," the hijacker replied.

In Kuwait, a famous Muslim scholar has said that the hostages aboard the hijacked KAC jumbo jet are not obliged to fast during Ramadan because they are still considered to be travellers.

He said that Islam allowed travellers to eat and drink during Ramadan.

Test flight

MOSCOW, April 17. (Reuters) The world's first aircraft capable of using liquid hydrogen as fuel has been tested in the Soviet Union. Tass news agency reported yesterday.

DAY BY DAY

THE structures erected at roundabouts and along roadsides for Kuwait's National Day have fallen into disrepair and something needs to be done about them.

Although the intention in building such structures was patriotic, their present condition does nothing to enhance the beauty of the country.

Such structures need some sense of aesthetic taste if they are to be kept as a permanent part of Kuwait's landscape.

We want better designs and ask that new ones be erected only after sufficient planning.

Zahed Matar

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Maximum temperature recorded:
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Ahmad: 27°C 81°F
Faiika: 30°C 86°F

Minimum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 26°C 79°F
Ahmad: 23°C 73°F
Faiika: 29°C 84°F

Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 33% 91°F
Ahmad: 27% 81°F
Faiika: 29°C 84°F

Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 47 per cent
Ahmad: 79 per cent
Faiika: 82 per cent

Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 70 per cent
Ahmad: 80 per cent
Faiika: 85 per cent

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Workers union pledges solidarity with government stance

THE National Union of Petroleum and Petrochemical Industry workers has pledged full solidarity with the Kuwaiti government's unwavering stance against the criminal hijackers of the Kuwaiti airliner.

A statement termed the hijack as a terrorist operation that seeks to obliterate Kuwait's positive record at the local, Arabic, Islamic and international level.

The union expressed readiness to make whatever sacrifices necessary to defend national honour and dignity.

Appeal
Japanese organisations affiliated with the United Nations and Unesco associations have on Sunday issued an appeal for putting a quick end to the ordeal of the hijacked Kuwait Airways airliner still at Algiers airport.

The Japanese appeal was distributed to the mass media, saying it is high time to put an immediate end to the sufferings of all the 31 passengers and crew of the Kuwait jumbo hijacked 12 days ago.

The appeal, issued in Japanese and French, praised the efforts of Kuwait for its handling of the hijack drama, demanding the release of passengers on humanitarian grounds.

The Brazilian government strongly condemned the hijacking of the Kuwait Airways airliner and deeply deplored the loss of human lives caused by the perpetrators of such acts.

The federation of consumer cooperative societies in Kuwait has signed a cooperative agreement with its Soviet counterpart, it was reported here.

The federation said in a statement that the agreement was signed in Kuwait last Wednesday by its chairman, Ali Salem Abuhadida and his Soviet opposite number Morris Hon-tar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Soviet official expressed admiration at the progress of the Kuwaiti cooperative movement as a result of state support and encouragement.

The two sides agreed to denounce the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner and the savage killing of two hostages.

They also expressed full backing for the Kuwaiti government's sagacious handling of the hijack drama, and voiced hopes of a speedy solution to the crisis.

Deplored
Kuwait University's board condemned the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner Al Jaberiya 13 days ago.

A statement at the end of a board meeting Saturday night deplored the killing and torturing of the plane's innocent passengers at the hands of a malicious terrorist group, at the time Kuwait supports the uprising in the occupied territories and works to unify Arab ranks.

The board also expressed full backing of the government's

position toward refusing to bow to blackmail and threats, praying to the Almighty God to bless the souls of the two martyrs and secure the safety of the remaining passengers.

In a similar statement, the School of Sharia and Islamic Studies denounced the criminal act of the hijacking of the Kuwaiti jetliner and shedding the blood of its passengers.

Dignity
The Arab labour organisation also strongly deplored the hijacking incident, describing it as a "criminal act". This came in a cable sent by ALO Director General Al Hashemi Banani to Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed.

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti Nursing Society and the Kuwaiti Economic Society condemned the skyjacking incident, while valuing the position taken by the Kuwaiti government toward rejecting to comply with the hijackers' demands.

A statement for the Nursing Society said, "every drop of blood shed of our martyrs will produce a man who will bravely back the stance of justice and truth which preserves Kuwait's dignity among nations."

The economic society called on the Kuwaiti people and residents to stick together and abandon all differences, stressing that this dilemma will only strengthen national ties.



● Kuwait's Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Rifai visited the Shuwaikh central slaughterhouse this week where he inspected the work procedures in preparation for the month of Ramadan. The minister is pictured with the acting director of the Municipality Sheikh Sabah Jaber Al Ali and other visitors and workers at the slaughterhouse.

Sheikh Hamdan receives Sidki's message

ABU DHABI, April 17. (Kuna): Deputy Premier of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed has received a message from Egyptian Premier Dr Atef Sidki, stipulating his country's thanks to the UAE's positive stance at the Arab Funds meetings, which was held recently in Muscat, during which Egypt's membership was restored.

Egyptian Ambassador to UAE Ahmed Kadri delivered the message last night during a meeting with Sheikh Hamdan here.

The Ambassador also thanked UAE officials for hosting the Egyptian arms exhibition which was held last April 4 and lasted for eight days.

Assassination of Al Wazir painful: Sheikh Sabah

KUWAIT expressed sorrow on Sunday at the assassination of the PLO's top military official Khalil Al Wazir but said it would not lessen the Palestinians' determination to achieve their rights.

"We have lost a heroic fighter and sincere freedom fighter who pledged himself and sacrificed his soul for country and nation," HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah said in a message to Al Wazir's family.

"Kuwait, which has known the martyr since he worked here in the 1950s and remembers his morals and dedication, feels the greatness of his loss in the Palestinian arena."

HH the Amir of Kuwait has already ordered a stipend paid to

the family of Al Wazir, gunned down at his home outside Tunis early on Saturday.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed sent a cable of condolences to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat on the assassination of deputy commander of the Palestinian revolutionary forces Khalil Al Wazir.

Sheikh Sabah said in his cable that the news about the assassination of Al Wazir was painful, but stressed that this criminal act will only increase the determination of the Palestinian people and its leadership to go ahead on the path drawn up by the martyr and his comrades.

Sheikh Sabah sent another cable of condolences to the widow of the martyr.

Meanwhile, a number of diplomats in Kuwait have expressed the opinion that the assassination of Al Wazir by Israeli Mossad agents are intended to not only rob Palestinians of a national leader, but to divert attention from the Palestinian uprising.

The Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait, Assem Yaouqub, Yousef said that the death of Abu Jihad, as Al Wazir was known, and the Kuwaiti airliner hijacking served to "black-out" current Arab issues such as the uprising in occupied Palestine and the ongoing Iraq-Iran war.

Dr Issa Darwish, the Ambassador of Syria, said that the Israelis had often expressed the wish to liquidate the leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. He described the assassination as an attempt to bring to an end the honest endeavours of this Palestinian leader.

The Tunisian, Yemeni and Jordanian ambassadors expressed similar opinions of outrage at the loss of this Palestinian leader and the obvious attempt to divert attention from the Palestinian uprising.

Ramadan this year coincides with agonies

A LEADING Kuwaiti newspaper Sunday lamented that the holy month of Ramadan this year coincided with turmoil and agonies in the Arab world.

Al Qabas cited the continuing hijack drama of the Kuwaiti jumbo jet, including the killing of two of its Kuwaiti passengers, and the assassination of Palestinian military leader Khalil Al Wazir.

Ramadan was also preceded in the Israeli-occupied territories by the bloody day since the uprising erupted more than four months ago as 18 Palestinians were killed and 300 others wounded in fierce confrontations with the occupation troops on Saturday the paper noted.

On another front, Iraqis were defending their homeland bravely as the Gulf war drags on with the constant threat of bloody escalations.

The paper solemnly prayed to the Almighty Allah that the holiest Islamic month would pacify the souls of Muslims and help them regain their rights and rid them of tyranny and oppression.

Message from Baccouche

DOHA, April 16. (Kuna): Qatari Crown Prince and Defence Minister, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, today received a message from Tunisian Premier Hadi Baccouche on bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest. Qatari news agency reported.

QNA, added that the Tunisian ambassador here, Salem Al Furati, delivered the message to Sheikh Hamad.



● A delegation from women's societies paid a condolence visit to the families of the two martyrs, Abdullah Mohammad Al Khalid and Khaled Ayoub Bandar who were brutally murdered on the hijacked KAC jetliner. The delegation included the chairwomen of the Fatah Club, Sheikhha Sabaha Al Abdullah, the Women's Cultural Society, Lulwa Al Qatani. Picture shows the delegation with the family of Khaled Bandar.

Memorial service stresses unity

IN A show of national unity hundreds of Kuwaiti Shites on Saturday crowded into a memorial service for two Sunni Muslims killed by hijackers of a Kuwaiti airliner.

"Kuwait is targeted," blind author Abdel Razaak Al Baser told the service in the Da'iyia Shite prayer hall, attended by Minister of State for Services Issa Mohammed Al Mazzeidi.

"They (the hijackers) wanted to break our national unity but we were alert. Be aware, gentlemen," Baser told worshippers.

Praised
The hijackers, believed to be pro-Iranian Shites, shot dead the two Kuwaiti passengers at Larnaca, Cyprus, to press their demand that the Boeing 747 be refuelled.

Most if not all of the estimated 31 hostages still aboard the plane are believed to belong to Kuwait's majority Sunni sect, including three members of the ruling Al Sabah family.

Promotions to be discussed

SOURCES at Kuwait's Education Ministry said the Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khudari will hold a meeting this week with the Personnel Affairs Committee to discuss merit promotions.

Sources said a committee had been formed following the 2nd Educational Conference held in March which recommended that stricter control be placed on the preparation of employees' performance reports to prevent subjective comments which reflect personal favours rather than actual quality of performance.

A committee was formed to study how this recommendation could be implemented and to monitor the preparation of performance reports.

Sources said the meeting was also being held in response to the recommendations of the education minister who had displayed a keen interest in the objectivity of performance reports.

In return for fuel at Larnaca, the hijackers freed 12 hostages. All four Kuwaitis among them were Shites.

As a tape of Quranic readings played, mourners read silently from the holy book. Speakers called for national unity and praised the government for refusing to give in to the gunmen.

Closer
The service was broadcast on Kuwait Television along with interviews with several citizens who stressed national unity.

Several mourners, who included three of the released Kuwaiti hostages, said the hijacking drew the nation closer together.

"The hijackers wanted to create sectarianism in Kuwait," said Ali Moussa, an auditor, adding that the hijackers were not true Shites.

"The two murdered Kuwaitis are sons of all of Kuwait. They sacrificed their lives for Kuwait," said Fadel Abu Abbas, who helped organise the service.

Meat sales increase

DURING Ramadan kitchenware sales increase by 25 per cent and meat sales increase by 30 per cent, the manager of the Khalidiya Cooperative Society Abdullah Nasser Al Saad said.

The Board Chairman of Kifan Cooperative Society Abdul Aziz Fuzan Al Anjari said that commodity prices are the same during Ramadan as the rest of the year. He added that prices were not subsidised by the government and the cooperative societies union takes only a 10 per cent maximum profit.

Badr Naser Al Jain, the Board Chairman of Kitchen Cooperative Society said that they have added four shelves for foodstuffs frequently used during Ramadan. He added that sales were improving and were expected to reach KD9 million this year.

According to a Kuwaiti daily, women shoppers outnumber men during Ramadan.

Jassar calls for unity

KUWAIT'S Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khaled Al Jassar has issued instructions to the imams of Kuwait's mosques to stress the importance of national unity in their comments at gatherings.

The minister also stressed the need for imams to emphasise the attitude of "one family" in protecting Kuwait against subversive attempts to disunite the country by sectarianism.

Immigrants thrive in Dubai's racial melting-pot

DUBAI, April 17. (Reuters): Visitors to this bustling Arab port are often bewildered to find that their taxi-drivers are Pakistani, their maids Filipina, their business contacts British and many labourers African.

In the racial melting-pot of Dubai, indigenous Arabs have become a minority. Immigrants from around the globe have helped build a vibrant trading centre.

"Dubai is unique," an Indian trader in the colourful gold souk (bazaar) told Reuters. "We are here to make money and officials don't ask many questions — where else in the Middle East can you say that?"

Container ships dock at port Rashid, a symbol of Dubai's modern economic success, while battered dhows with carpets and fruit from Iran ply an age-old trade in the creek, an inlet that winds through the picturesque city.

Maintain
Iranians have lived here for generations and thousands of shoppers visit each month from Iran across the Gulf, eager for consumer goods that their war-torn economy cannot supply.

The emirate is careful to maintain cordial ties with its powerful neighbour.

Dubai's residents have little interest in the spectacular shipping war being fought off the coast by prowling Iranian gunboats and frigates, which regularly set oil tankers ablaze.

The boom of a warship's guns can sometimes be heard in the city, or smoke from a stricken

ship be seen on the horizon.

But the attacks, part of Iran's seven-year-old war with Iraq, seem a million miles from Dubai's crowded souks and smart hotels.

Prejudices
"The shipping war is bigger news back home than here," said Alun Robinson, a British tourist visiting Dubai on his way to the Far East.

Relaxing in the sun, he said Dubai's free-and-easy ways made nonsense of Western prejudices that Arabia has nothing to offer except sand, and oil.

In narrow streets along the creek, Western tourists in shorts mingle with veiled Arab women dressed in black, dodging porters bumping boxes in the sweltering heat.

Many labourers have African features, a testimony to ancient ties — once including slavery — between Arabia and the East Africa coast.

Favourite
Japanese brand names predominate on crates piled up on the wharves, eloquently confirming trade statistics that say Tokyo is Dubai's favourite source of imports.

In the souks, where Urdu is heard as often as Arabic and almost everyone speaks English, Arab and Indian women snap up jewellery bargains and examine

employees from elsewhere, thousands of Britons still live in Dubai — a legacy of British rule that ended in 1971.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir received yesterday HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and Deputy Premier, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

The Amir also received Sheikh Jaber Al Ali.

Cables of congratulations

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to Syrian President Hafez Assad on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Meanwhile, the Amir yesterday initiated telephone conversations with King Hussein of Jordan and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

The Amir exchanged cables of congratulations with Arab and Islamic leaders on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan.

Crown Prince cables

HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, sent a cable of congratulations to president of Syria Hafez Assad on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Sheikh Saad also sent a similar cable to Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Al Za'abi.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Condemnation of the hijacking continues

Kuwaiti newspapers yesterday continued condemnation of the tragic ordeal of the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner, which is still grounded in Houat Bourmediene airport, Algeria, and affirmed that the Kuwaiti society is one family and cannot be split.

Al Rai Al Aam pointed out that with the continuation of the hijacking ordeal, Kuwait gains more respect worldwide for its firm stance of not submitting to terrorism.

Although the Kuwaiti aircraft's tragedy is a Kuwaiti cause, it is also international issue, the paper said, calling on world countries to put a limit to terrorism and blackmail.

The paper noted that the hijack ordeal is directed against Kuwait, due to its good stances of the Gulf, Arab and Islamic levels, adding that the skyjackings also targeting Kuwait's security and society.

Al Rai Al Aam elaborated that the Kuwaiti society proved once again that it can confront tragedies and crisis, because Kuwait is bigger than those parties who are behind terrorism and blackmail.

The Kuwaiti daily noted that the hijacking plot does not only target Kuwait but is implemented against the whole Arab region.

It noted in this regard that it is not a coincidence that the hijack ordeal has "stolen the lights" from the Palestinian uprising and it is not a coincidence that the Mossad killed the deputy general commander of the Palestinian revolutionary forces Khalil Al Wazir on Friday night in Tunis, particularly that the assassination is the link between the uprising and the hijacking.

Al Anbaa stressed that the Arab nation is facing dangerous plots, pointing out in that respect the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner and the assassination of Khalil Al Wazir.

Regarding the skyjacking of the Kuwaiti plane, the paper affirmed that this incident has proved the unity of the Kuwaiti society toward crisis and that the people of Kuwait live as one family.

It also affirmed that Kuwait cannot be shaken by a group of terrorists.

On the killing of Al Wazir, Al Anbaa said his assassination has rocked and shaken the Arab nation, noting that he is the symbol of the Palestinian revolution and "symbols do not die and revolutions cannot be annihilated."

The paper said that there is one party behind the hijacking and the assassination of Al Wazir, calling on the Arab nation to realise the dangers surrounding it.

Schools urged to cancel all celebrations

THE Undersecretary of Kuwait's Education Ministry Abdul Rahman Al Khudari asked all government and private schools in Kuwait to cancel all celebrations or parties until the passengers of the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner are released.

In a circular distributed to all schools, Al Khudari said that all celebrations would be banned out of sympathy for the passengers and their families.

He said that this step was taken to emphasise the country's unity.

Lecture on Ramadan

YOUTH centres in Kuwait arranged a lecture about the holy month of Ramadan at the Qadisiya Youths Club Hall.

The talk was given by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Hashem Khatib. He spoke about the benefits of fasting and the way it should be carried out according to Islamic rituals.

He then answered questions from the audience and wished them a good Ramadan.

The lecture was attended by the head of the follow up and guidance section, Badr Al Khalifa, youth centre supervisors and residents of the area.

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SANDINISTA police and security officers check cars entering the grounds of the Camino Real Hotel on Saturday where talks are being held between Nicaragua's Contra rebels and its Sandinista government. Security is tight for the talks which are scheduled to end today. (Reuter wirephoto)



FORMER Egyptian Minister of Interior Nabawi Ismail (centre) enters the court room on Saturday escorted by security men to testify on his assassination attempt. A total of 33 men belonging to a fundamentalist group are facing trial for attempts on the life of two former interior ministers and a journalist last year. (Reuter wirephoto)



TWO Madrid residents take advantage of the warm weather Saturday afternoon as they relax on the back of one of the ornamental lions in central Retiro Park. Temperatures rose to the mid-20's Centigrade and parks were full of sunbathers. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Michael Dukakis lets go with the first pitch of the day at a local ball game in Buffalo, New York. Dukakis left Buffalo for Rochester to debate Al Gore and Jesse Jackson. (Reuter wirephoto)



FIREMEN carry an injured prisoner early yesterday morning from Central Prison in Ensisheim, France. Prisoners took hostages and set fire to their cells during a riot against prison conditions. The prison has been surrounded by police and reinforcements from the special GIGN units of the gendarmerie. (Reuter wirephoto)



TUNISIAN Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche (left) gives Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak a letter from Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali at their meeting in Cairo on Saturday. Baccouche vowed that his government would do its best to capture the killers of Palestinian leader Khalil Al Wazir, assassinated early Saturday morning in his home in Tunisia. (Reuter wirephoto)



CHINESE leader Deng Xiaoping offers Philippine President Corazon Aquino one of his Panda brand cigarettes on Saturday during their meeting in the Great Hall of the People. President Aquino declined the offer. (Reuter wirephoto)



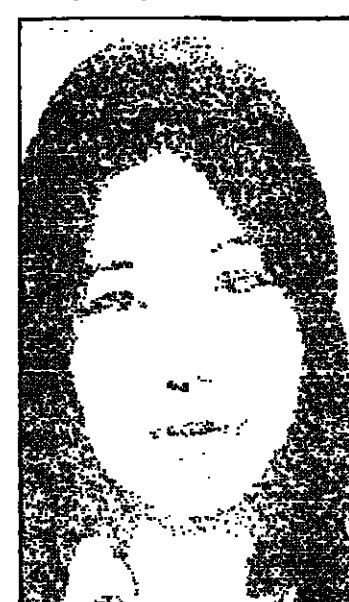
SPANISH bullfighter Fernando Cepeda flies through the air after being gored during the last bull of the afternoon in Seville, Spain, on Saturday. Cepeda was seriously gored as he went in for the kill. He will be out of action for two months with a 10 inch wound to his thigh. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH President Francois Mitterrand catches a frisbee as he plays with children Saturday morning in Creteil, near Paris, during the visit he paid to this city. (Reuter wirephoto)



THIS is a recent file photo of Italian Senator Roberto Ruffilli who was shot to death in his home in Forlì, Italy, on Saturday. The Red Brigade has claimed responsibility for the shooting. (Reuter wirephoto)



POLICE picture showing Fusako Shigenobu, suspected top member of the Japanese Red Army, reputed to have organised the explosion at the Naples US Club a few days ago in which five people died. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC presidential contenders Albert Gore (left) and Jesse Jackson (centre) try to get their views across as moderator Edwin Newman (right) questions Michael Dukakis during the debate in New York on Saturday. (Reuter wirephoto)

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Bulgarian Art Show
An exhibition of contemporary applied arts in Bulgaria is being held at the Dahtyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, near Fatima Mosque. Open daily, except Friday, from 8 am to 12 noon and 7 to 10 pm, until April 21.

Ghadeir Gallery
Sudanese artist Hasan Hakem is showing his drawings at the gallery in Saliya Complex. It is open daily from 10 am to 2 pm and 8 pm to midnight, until April 21.

Sultan Gallery
"The Islamic Heritage of Spain" is open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 7 to 10 pm at the Sultan Gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soor St. Tareq Rajab Museum. Ramadan timings are 9-12 noon and 7-10.30 pm.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Natural History Group
A meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 7.30 at the Gulf English School, Salwa. A talk on Colour Printing For Beginners will be given by T.K. Behram. For details call Eric Shaw 3718417.

Kuwait Cultural Centre
The Centre will hold two courses: a management of personal investment, four weeks and computer classes, 20 hours. For details phone 5624364.

KLT
St. Georges Day Informal, on April 21 at 8 pm. For members and guests. Tel: 3985964 or 3982739.

Alumni get-together
The T.K.M. College of Engineering will hold a get-together on April 21 at the SAS Hotel. Those who have not registered please contact 2402945; 4336416 after 7 pm.

YMCA Holiday Special
The Young Men's Cricket Association (YMCA) will hold the Holiday Special on May 17, Messiah Beach Hotel. Highlights are music by Top Ranks with special competitions such as Made for Each Other Contest, Funky King and Queen. For reservations contact Lancy - 4814914, 9 am to 4 pm, 3981790; 3929518, 5 to 8 pm.

SPORTS

Goan Cup Tournament
The Young Goans Association, Kuwait, will hold a seven-a-side football tournament on the first day of Eid Al Fitr at the Al Soor Grounds. The draw will be held on the same day at 7.30 am. Tournament commences at 7.45 am. The tournament is open to all communities, subject to approval by organisers. For details contact Tom - 2419409; Almeida 4813892 ext 232.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers special Ramadan buffets with Arabic and Continental buffets after sunset until 2 am. Sample Oriental delicacies including fowl and falafel at the Ramadan Diwaniya for breakfast (iftar).

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.54 am
Zuhr	11.47
Asr	3.22 pm
Maghreb	6.17
Isha	7.37

INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP



Shabana Azmi and Rohini Hattangady in Anjuman

Ali's emotional sojourn in Lucknow

By Fathima Ahmed

MUZAFFAR Ali's Lucknow is at once dark, dull, ugly and beautiful, lyrical, poetic and appealing. Ali's romance with Lucknow goes on — and on. From Umrao Jaan to Anjuman is no big leap for director and filmmaker Muzaffar Ali. Umrao Jaan was Ali's nostalgic trip back in time. Anjuman looks at contemporary problems of a section of Muslims in Lucknow.

Muzaffar Ali's classic film Umrao Jaan, with Rekha playing the title role, was set in pre-independence India. Anjuman (Shabana Azmi) belongs to the post-independence era. Both capture the essence of a culture that is fast disappearing in modern India. Anjuman's hero, Sajju (Farouk Shaikh) like Ali is keen to keep alive a culture — at least on celluloid.

Umrao was the symbol of the old Lucknow — Anjuman belongs to modern India. Yet, ironically, she suffers from the same setbacks as Umrao did. She is the victim of the similar values that destroyed Umrao. But Anjuman has the courage to break the rules — and in doing so, makes a niche for

herself in her social circles. Anjuman's Lucknow takes one into the seedy corners of town to reveal the dark, inner secrets. Ali's nostalgic memories are, then, sensitively woven into the story of chikan (embroidery) workers and the larger fabric of the city — its politics, its economy and political manoeuvring.

Lucknow was once the home of culture. The decadence is obvious in Ali's Anjuman. So is the tradition of keeping up appearances, expected of the earlier generation — and then the young rebel, like Anjuman, disturbing the equilibrium and bringing "shame" to the family.

The camera rolls on the walls of dilapidated buildings, the paint peeling off — symbolic loss of changing values. Ali journeys along the narrow, dark alleys of Lucknow, reaching the home of a Muslim family, where all the women are chikan workers. Among them is Anjuman, an educated girl — a poetess, who is forced into a joint-family after her father takes a second wife. This is the backdrop for showing the Lucknow — Avadh — that Muzaffar Ali grew up in —

loved and yearns for.

"The narrow lanes, the dark alleys — they are stifling — suffocating," says the daughter of one nawab after returning from Los Angeles. "I like the charm of that part of the city," replies Sajid (Farouk Shaikh) who does a repeat of the Umrao Jaan role. In other words, he is the man who clings to his mother's apron strings and does not have the guts to marry Anjuman, the girl he loves and who lives next door.

Sajid and Anjuman's love is doomed. Their clandestine meetings on the roof, and their pining are appropriate moments to inject poetry, lyrics and music. Like Umrao Jaan's music, the lyrics of Faiz Ahmed Faiz are evergreen and appealing.

Anjuman plays a bigger role. She rebels not only against the "unjust system of marrying a girl against her wishes" but also against the exploitation of women workers by politicians and businessmen. She leads the women and forms a union.

"Weaken them," says Banke Nawab, an opportunist who is snubbed by Anjuman. "Organise sectarian strife," he says. Muzaffar Ali boldly shows the

connivance of all vested interests in politically motivated riots. And, so the poor die in the dirty alleys of Lucknow. This, is to destroy the rebellion by the chikan workers.

"Gather all the women and beat them up; they'll return to work," says one buyer. As the rebellion gathers momentum, and the social workers come to help Shabana, Muzaffar Ali loses track of the subject. The turning point in Anjuman's life has come — but where does she go now? The film ends abruptly.

Shabana Azmi in the title role, once again, proves her mettle, giving an excellent performance. Farouk Shaikh and Rohini Hattangady also shine.

From Lucknow to Bombay (Mumbai) and back to the Jeete Hain Shaan Se people. Amar, Akbar, Anthony? Amitabh's film? No, Jeete Hain... has Mithun, Sunjay Dutt and Govinda playing Johnny, Govinda and Iqbal. They are blood brothers. Johnny bashes up anyone who so much as looks at Iqbal; and Govinda does the same for Johnny.

The idea is to promote communal harmony, a la Amar, Akbar, Anthony style. The only difference is that the original, with Amitabh, was entertaining. Jeete Hain... is such a waste of time.

"The viewers have no time. Cut out the details," says Johnny before doing "mari mari" (fighting) with an opponent; the director has no time to edit the superfluous details, it seems. Nor are the long, unending bashing up sequences edited. They last nearly 10 minutes apiece, each episode ending with the opponents limping off toward the hospital.

Johnny, Govinda and Iqbal are also the clues to a murder which took place, guess when? 20 years ago. Johnny's father was the victim, killed by Govinda's girlfriend's father. Govinda was brought up by his mother and Johnny takes to drinking because he is an orphan. Confused? Who is the killer? There are no prizes for guessing right.

Danny Dengzoppa, Mandakani, Vijeta Pandit and others star.

The above movies are by courtesy of Athar Video, Main St. Farwania. Tel: 4712900.



Mandakani and Mithun Chakraborty appear in Jeete Hain Shaan Se

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 1.00 Holy Quran
- 1.10 Cartoons
- 1.20 Magazine D'Actualite
- 2.00 On Ramadan
- 2.30 Historical serial
- 3.35 Dukkan Al Duniya: daily serial, featuring Muna Wasel, Mohammad Al Ibadi, Jayana Eid
- 4.45 Daily Arabic serial
- 5.30 Hadith: Deeni: religious talk
- 6.30 Cartoons
- 6.45 After Ifar
- 7.00 Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial, featuring Khalid Al Obaid, Abdul Rahman Al Aqal, Jassim Nabhan, Mohamad Jaber, Ahmad Saleh
- 8.00 Alwan: hosted by Rolah Al Farah
- 8.30 Quran and Science: presented by Ahmad Shawki
- 9.10 Dairat Al Ahbab: religious programme
- 9.30 Ramadan Contest
- 10.00 News in Arabic
- 11.00 Iz'aj: daily serial, starring Ghanem Al Saleh, Zainab Al Dahi, Maryam Ghabban
- 12.00 Late Night Serial
- 1.00 Al Mawajahat: Arabic drama.



Angela Lansbury plays Jessica Fletcher in Murder, She Wrote, tonight on KTV 2.

featuring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahad, Jamal Radhan

2.1 News Summary/Imask/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 4.00 Holy Quran
- 4.30 Football: Asian Cup



A scene from Madinat Al Riyah, children's serial after iftar on KTV 1.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

- MORNING**
- 08.00 Opening
 - 08.02 Songs and Music
 - 08.05 Thoughts in Islam
 - 08.20 Songs and Music
 - 08.30 NEWS
 - 08.40 Songs and Music
 - 08.45 Daily Programme
 - 09.00 Songs and Music
 - 09.30 They Sold A Million
 - 10.00 Our Press Today
 - 10.05 Songs and Music
 - 11.00 Closedown
 - 13.30 NEWS on FM Service
- Evening**
- 21.00 Opening
 - 21.02 The Latin Mood
 - 21.30 NEWS
 - 21.45 Point of View
 - 21.55 Songs and Music
 - 22.00 Religious Programme
 - 22.15 In the Groove
 - 22.45 Daily Programme
 - 23.00 Hit Special
 - 23.30 Jazz in Action
 - 24.00 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newswel
- 30 12th Best on Record; 19th and 26th Karajan at 80.
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Short Story
- 45 Journey Round My People
- 0200 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Network UK
- 30 Sports International
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 Virtuoso (ex 26th Rhythms of the Sun)
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News

- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Turning Over New Leaves
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 Counterpoint
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Journey Round My People
- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 Tech Talk
- 30 12th Best on Record; 19th and 26th Karajan at 80
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 The Seven Ages of Man
- 1000 News Summary followed by Discovery
- 30 Sports International
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Waveguide
- 25 A Letter from Scotland
- 30 Citizens
- 1200 Radio Newswel
- 15 Multitrack 1: Top 20
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Network UK
- 45 Recording of the Week
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-minute News
- 45 Virtuoso (ex 26th Rhythms of the Sun)
- 1500 Radio Newswel
- 15 A Jolly Good Show
- 1600 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Omnibus
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 A Letter from Scotland
- 15 Citizens
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newsdesk
- 30 Development '88

- 1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary
- 30 Stock Market Report
- 45 Report on Religion
- 2000 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Meridian
- 2100 News Summary followed by Byron Readings (ex 26th Time For Verse)
- 10 Turning Over New Leaves
- 15 Can Communism Cope?
- 45 Juke Box Dury
- 2200 World News
- 09 The World Today
- 25 A Letter from Scotland
- 30 Financial News
- 40 Reflections
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 2300 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Concert Hall
- 30 Concert Hall contd.

FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1330 News
- 1340 Easy Listening
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Italian Hour
- 1800 Pops
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pops
- 2200 Indian Classical Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Listening

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Beharain Quail
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News
- 2015 Aji Ka Inqilab
- 2030 Learning Arabic
- 2040 Jahan Numa
- 2100 Closedown

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● Above and below: Bangladeshi children and women who took part in the Bengali play called 'Asho Hae Baishak', to celebrate the New Year.



● Indian, Chinese and Japanese tea will be offered after an iftar buffet in the Meridian Hotel's Tea Lounge. Until April 28, tea will be served with Indian, Chinese and Japanese sweets.

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus**
War Time
Starring: David Blake.
Debra Keith
Al Salamiya
Wise Guys
Starring: Danny de Vito
Al Hamra
Al Maraat Wal Kanoon (Arabic)
Starring: Sherihan, Majeda Khateeb
- Drive-In**
Baab Nasar (Arabic)
Starring: Bosi, Najwa Fuad.
Magdi Wahba
Al Firdous
Lofer (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra.
Mumtaz, Premnath
Fahad Open-Air
Sharabi (Hindi)
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Jaya Prada
- Al Fahad**
No Dead Heroes
Al Jahra
Battle of Nervta
Granada
Tough Busters
Sulabikhat
Mother Lode
Al Jeeb
Marzada (Bengali)
Ahmadi Drive-In
White Apache

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

TO live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, and that is all — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer (1854-1900).

OPINION

Keep leaders' identities unknown

THE true Palestinian military leader, Khalil Al Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad, is dead.

He was assassinated, which seems only natural, since revolutionary leaders should remain unknown.

When Vietnam was fighting against the US, no one knew its military leader Giap until negotiations began. No one knew the Vietnamese military leader, and we hope that no one will know who the leaders and organisers of the Palestinian uprising are. We want only their orders and not their identities.

Abu Jihad was one of Israel's targets. We should have realised that Arab security was penetrated by the enemy and that they know when our leaders eat, drink, play and rest.

Unfortunately, the Arab fronts are compromised. We saw this in 1967 with our defeat and when our enemies landed in the streets of Beirut.

Even the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner was not planned by those devoid aboard the plane. The hijackers are nothing but mercenaries who will collect later from the side that planned the hijacking.

Abu Jihad was assassinated, and even with our firm belief in fate, we would have thought that the security around his residence would have been more suitable to his position.

Our belief in the limitations of age and fate should not deter us from being cautious.

We ask the Palestinian revolution and the national uprising inside the occupied territories to keep the identities of those in key positions unknown. One of the most important traditions of Israel is keeping the name of the head of the intelligence service unknown until he resigns.

A strong man in the Palestinian revolution has been assassinated. But we should remember that whenever a crisis intensifies, it usually marks the beginning of the end.

Now the crises in the region are intensifying: the war in the Gulf, the uprising in the occupied territories, border conflicts, plane hijackings and others.

The crises are intensifying, but will this mark a breakthrough? Perhaps.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Reagan era drawing to a close

Republican leaders take a new look at government

By Howard LaFranchi

HOUSTON: As the Reagan era draws to a close, Republican Party leaders are taking a new look at the role of government.

The party that enthusiastically embraced President Reagan's characterisation of government as "part of the problem" eight years ago is signalling that it believes government must be a part of solutions. The philosophical shift is likely to become increasingly evident as Republicans develop their party platform this summer and campaign to put George Bush in the White House and more of their own in Congress.

The party's new estimation of government's role was evident at a three-day meeting of about 70 Republican congressmen that ended recently in Houston. In speeches and interviews, influential GOP leaders said the party's future lies in portraying a philosophy that is not anti-

government, but "better government."

The leaders frequently cited recent polls and surveys showing that Americans largely expect government to play a positive, ameliorative role in their lives. An underlying assumption of the Houston meeting, billed as the "Congress of the future," seemed to be that Republicans can attain their dream of becoming the majority party only by shedding their anti-government image and steering a new, solution-oriented course for the future.

Enemy

"We Republicans have to rid ourselves of the clichés and platitudes of yesteryear and realize that most Americans don't believe government is the enemy," said House minority leader Robert Michel of Illinois in a keynote address at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Johnson Space Centre. "Most Americans believe bad government is the enemy."

Questioned later about his statement's obvious departure from one of the hallmarks of Reaganism, Representative Michel said there is a difference between what President Reagan says today and the philosophy he espoused when first elected.

"Sometimes governors run against the Washington establishment," Michel said, noting that another former governor, Jimmy Carter, also came to the capital on an anti-Washington wave.

"But I can't see that as the way for us as Republicans to make points with the American people," he added. "It's too Neanderthal to think that government isn't a part of our lives—it is. The challenge is giving people something, what they want, for their money."

Taking on a new role as partners in leading the nation to a better future is also seen as a way of energising Republican congressmen. Many Republicans on Capitol Hill are frustrated, not

only with the focus on day-to-day minutiae in Congress, but also with the back-seat, reactive role they often play as minority-party legislators.

"Many of our members are tremendously frustrated," said Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia, "just from the exhaustion, and then being in the minority. But as we discuss the future here and ways of working toward positive solutions, you hear people saying, 'This could be a tremendous opportunity, I could actually be a leader.'"

The members of Congress are divided into groups for five field hearings: on the future of space exploration at the Johnson Space Centre; on medicine at the Texas Medical Centre; on energy at an Exxon refinery; on education at the University of Houston; and on international commerce at the Houston Area Research Centre.

According to Gingrich, the meetings with experts such as renowned superconductivity scientist Paul Chu, heart surgeon

Michael DeBakey, corporate executive Ross Perot, and Houston oil man Michael Halbouty, reminded the members of Congress that theirs should be a position of leadership. "If we can do things like work with leaders in other fields to forge a better future, then being a congressman becomes more desirable," he said.

"Congress does a lousy job of dealing with issues long term," said Iowa Rep. Tom Tauke, who added that Americans are "hungry" for leaders who offer a "vision of the future." Nonetheless the lawmakers, operating in their capital mode, often seemed to have a hard time shifting away from their most immediate concerns.

At the energy field hearing, Rep. Harris Fawell of Illinois pointed out that the discussion was focusing on immediate policy issues rather than long-term solutions.

On a bus bound for one event, Gingrich asked several

colleagues if they thought comparing the Republicans' weekend focus on "our children's future," while the Democrats "are busy campaigning on the solutions of the past up in Michigan," wouldn't be a clever "press line." Not a half-hour later there was Gingrich, surrounded by reporters, offering his Houston-Michigan contrast.

The general feeling, however, was that Republicans need to draw more in line with the American public. At one closed-door soul-searching session, congressional leaders were given copies of a survey showing 56 per cent of Americans agreeing that "government should take a much more active role in dealing with the troubles facing the American people." Tauke said he thought that Democrats had done a better job of convincing American voters that they agree with the statement.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



East Germans defect via remote Canadian airport

By Martin Nesirky

EAST BERLIN, (Reuters): Why risk your life scrambling over East German border fortifications to get to West Germany when you can fly there in comfort via Canada?

Each year, some East Germans reach this conclusion, manage to get flights on the national airline Interflug to Cuba and then defect when they reach the refuelling stop at Canada's remote Gander airport in Newfoundland.

East Germans are not the only people to use the Gander transit lounge as a backdoor to the West, but they are among the few who do not want to stay in Canada.

Their aim is to get the first possible Western aircraft back across the Atlantic to a new life in West Germany.

"The people from the GDR (East Germany) are normally in West Germany within four or five days. They really have nothing to do with the Canadian authorities," Gander Immigration Centre manager Terry Loder told Reuters by telephone.

"Technically, they are just in transit," he said.

So far this year, about six East Germans have defected at Gander. The annual total is usually about a dozen, Loder said.

During a recent flight back from a holiday in Cuba, an East German defected without even telling his wife.

The first she knew of this was

when Interflug staff broke the news to her in the transit lounge. By that time, the man was already with Canadian immigration officials.

The woman, deeply shocked, continued the journey to East Berlin once her husband's bags had been removed from the plane.

Last year, 180 people of various nationalities applied for asylum at Gander airport, used as a stopover by Interflug, Cuba's Cubana Airline and the Soviet carrier Aeroflot.

The 1986 total figure was around 110, including Poles, Iranians, Hungarians and Pakistanis.

"Gander is shown as a technical stop in flight schedules and there are a number of people who appear to have carefully planned their action," Loder said.

Many East Germans are aware the long Interflug flight to Havana offers en route a brief glimpse of the West — or something more permanent.

But it is not possible to just turn up and book a ticket for one of the four flights a week.

Organised

Most East German travel to Cuba is on organised package tours and even then people are thoroughly checked by the authorities before permission is granted.

East Germany has improved opportunities for travel to the West in the past two years, but many people still feel the restrictions are too great and the chances limited.

This year, would-be emigrants

began to get more vocal in their criticism of the delays in processing their applications to leave for West Germany.

In January, about 100 aspiring emigrants were expelled to the West after they tried to join an official demonstration.

Others have sought help from the influential East German Protestant church, which says its sympathies but would rather people stayed to work for reform from within.

Western diplomats estimate tens of thousands of people are waiting to emigrate. Many of the applicants are qualified and badly-needed people like doctors and dentists.

Dissuade

In an apparent attempt to dissuade people from applying to emigrate, East German provincial dailies have recently started printing articles about former citizens now wanting to return.

The articles say the East German authorities only accept people back again in exceptional circumstances. East Germany estimates up to 20,000 people would like to return.

Neuer Tag (New Day), the Communist Party daily in Frankfurt Am Der Oder, said an East German surgeon who defected while on a visit to the West in 1987 had since returned because he found West Germans unfriendly and the country "ruled by money."

Another man has filed 20 applications to cross back to the East, so far without luck, according to the Dresden newspaper Saechsische Zeitung.

By Paul Verschuor

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, (AP): The historic Dutch reputation for religious tolerance — and the culture of Islam — are facing new challenges now that 400,000 Muslim believers have made it clear they're here to stay.

After Protestantism and Roman Catholicism, Islam is now the nation's third-biggest religion, and a public debate is in full swing over how much Muslims should adapt to Dutch society — or it to them.

Parliament recently overrode several noise-sensitive municipalities with a law protecting the right of this nation's 150 or so mosques to broadcast prayer calls via public address systems.

Parliament said mosques have the same right to broadcast their traditional calls to prayer as churches do to ring their bells.

Islamic schools have been springing up around the country, where many publicly funded schools are Protestant or Catholic-oriented, despite their overwhelmingly secular curriculum.

Group

Despite the forces of cultural integration, Muslim believers here form a closely knit group with few outside contacts, and the Dutch can never make up their minds about how much adaptation to expect, says Prof. Jan Brugman, a leading Dutch expert on Islam.

The first generation of Muslims began arriving here from the mountains of central Morocco and eastern Turkey in the 1960s, recruited as guest workers to man northern Europe's economic boom.

But when the Dutch economy slumped with the global oil crisis of the 1970s, unemployment hit hardest among the poorly trained guest workers, who by then had brought their families.

Today, it is that second generation that faces the most serious problems, Brugman, a professor of Arabic at Leiden University, told the Associated Press.

Turkish and Moroccan fathers often are forced to depend on their Dutch-fluent teen-aged sons when dealing with Dutch officials, but still enforce strong parental authority in the home.

They clash with their daughters over issues such as women's role in public life and the propriety of European dress and dating habits, according to Brugman.

In one recent incident that received widespread press coverage, a Muslim father sent his teen-age Moroccan girl back to Morocco for a traditional pre-arranged marriage, but was thwarted by a publicity campaign for the girl's return launched by her Dutch classmates.

"The problem with the Moroccans here is that... (they) come from the poorest parts of Morocco. That's why they came in the first place," Brugman said.

Islam makes its mark on Dutch society

"The problem will be all over in a few generations," he said. "They'll undergo far-reaching assimilation."

While there have been few reported incidents of Dutch-Muslim violence, ridicule of Turks and Moroccans is common, especially in lower economic strata where they are seen as taking unfair advantage of this nation's generous social welfare system.

Islamic believers frequently take offence at what they see as a lack of religious piety in the Netherlands, where church attendance is dwindling and a large proportion of the ethnic Dutch population professes to be agnostic.

"We say 'Allah is Great,' they say: 'the guilders (currency) is great'... not one of them talks about Jesus," says Lebanon-born Mustapha El Nouweiri, a 38-year-old interpreter who has lived here for three years.

"Ask a Dutchman why was man created and he'll say 'I don't know,'" claimed El Nouweiri during an interview in a local mosque.

El Nouweiri, who is married to a Dutch convert to Islam, is offended by the permissive Dutch attitude to sex.

"Everybody goes around flirting as much as he wants. That can't go on," El Nouweiri said. "Whores, pornography, and you're talking about women's rights?"

El Nouweiri, who criticised the strong Dutch support for Israel, says he's grown more fervent in

his Islamic beliefs since his arrival here because he lives in an environment he sees as basically hostile.

Says Iman El Damanhoury, an ethnic Dutchwoman who converted to Islam in 1985: "People think it's strange you believe in God this way (because of the fact they're distancing themselves from God and we're moving toward him)."

Most Muslims in the nation of 14.6 million are of Turkish or Moroccan origin, and have permanent residency status, rather than the Dutch citizenship available to them.

There is also a substantial Muslim minority among the 180,000 Dutch nationals born in the former Dutch colony of Suriname, located north of Brazil.

Muslims make up 2.7 per cent of the Dutch population, about the same percentage of Muslims as are in the West German and French populations.

In 1986, foreign nationals resident in the Netherlands for over five years were allowed to vote in local government elections, and Premier Ruud Lubbers' Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA) stressed its own religious roots in trying to attract Muslim voters.

Brugman opposes the vote for non-citizens, and says their isolation from Dutch society is perpetuated by the instruction in Turkish and Arabic language and culture that Turkish and Moroccan children are entitled by law to receive.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1663 — Turks declare war against Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I.
- 1797 — Austria and France sign preliminary peace at Loeven.
- 1864 — Danish forces are defeated at Duppel, and German troops invade Denmark.
- 1906 — Earthquake rocks San Francisco, California, touching off fires that almost destroy city, and about 700 people perish.
- 1912 — Turkey announces closure of Dardanelles Straits to shipping.
- 1927 — Split develops in Kuomintang Party between Chiang Kai-Shek and radical elements.
- 1942 — US bombers led by Lieutenant General James Doolittle attack Tokyo and other Japanese cities in World War II.
- 1949 — Republic of Eire is formally proclaimed in Dublin.
- 1957 — Representatives of Burma, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan and Syria attend first meeting in New Delhi of Asian Legal Consultative Committee.
- 1962 — West Indies federation is terminated.
- 1965 — Uganda becomes first non-communist nation to join Soviet Union in formal denunciation of US involvement in Vietnam.
- 1976 — About 40,000 Israelis march into occupied West Bank area of Jordan, demanding that Israel annex the territory.
- 1986 — Angry crowds form outside American embassies throughout world as backlash continues against US attack on Libya.
- 1987 — President Ronald Reagan says United States and Soviet Union have chance to achieve "an historic first" in nuclear arms reduction.

Khalil Al Wazir's killing

Latest in a long list of assassinations

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (AP): The killing of senior PLO leader Khalil Al Wazir in Tunis on Saturday was the latest in a long list of assassinations and attacks against Palestinian leaders over the past two decades.

Israel has been responsible for some of these attacks. Others have reportedly been carried out by rival Palestinian commando groups.

Israeli government leaders have refused to comment on the killing of Al Wazir, but several details of the attack on his home are similar to those of a raid carried out by Israeli commandos against PLO officials in Beirut on the night of April 10, 1973.

In that raid, three PLO leaders were killed, including Kamel Adwan, Al Wazir's predecessor

as operations chief of the Fatah, the largest organisation within the PLO.

Israel's current chief of intelligence, Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak, commanded the force that reached Beirut by sea and then split up to attack its targets.

On Jan 22, 1979, Ali Hassan Salameh (Abu Hassan), Fatah's chief of intelligence, was killed in a car bomb attack. "Israel believed Salameh helped mastermind the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre of Israeli athletes."

On Oct 1, 1985, Israeli planes attacked PLO headquarters in Tunisia, 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometres) from Israel. An estimated 50 people were reportedly killed in the raid, including an Arafat bodyguard. Israeli military leaders said they were not aiming for the PLO leader.

Amnesty International under fire in Britain

By Philippe Naughton

LONDON, (Reuters): Former Ugandan dictator Idi Amin said it "has blackmailed over 100 nations of the world." Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini called it a "lackey of satanic powers."

Amnesty International — the London-based human rights organisation whose campaigns for prisoners of conscience around the world have been irritating governments since 1961 — is used to being called rude names.

Now it is under fire in Britain. On March 30, Amnesty wrote to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to express concern over the killing of three Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas by British commandos in Gibraltar on March 6, saying the three may have been shot without warning.

Its call for an investigation provoked an angry reaction from both public and government.

"I hope Amnesty has some

concern for the more than 2,000 people murdered by the IRA since 1969," Thatcher said in parliament.

Amnesty's official spokesman, Canadian Richard Roach, was unshaken.

Right

"In our experience that wasn't a very strong reaction," he told Reuters. "The quality papers ran editorials saying we had the right to ask those questions."

But the reaction Amnesty's letter provoked has highlighted the problems faced by an independent organization trying both to criticise governments and to work with them.

Amnesty International was launched in May 1961 with a newspaper appeal entitled "The forgotten prisoners," by British lawyer Peter Benenson.

Within a year supporters in seven European nations were campaigning for the release of "prisoners of conscience" in other countries, defined as those imprisoned for their beliefs who have never been involved with

violence.

Now Amnesty, winner of the 1977 Nobel peace prize, boasts 700,000 members and supporters and has campaigned for more than 20,000 known or possible prisoners of conscience in more than 100 countries.

Its campaigns to free prisoners are based around members writing letters both to the prisoners and to their governments. One government once said it had received 10,000 letters about a single case.

Amnesty compiles reports on specific human rights problems around the world and publishes an annual report detailing the situation in almost every country.

About 250 people of 40 nationalities work in Amnesty's main office, a converted paint factory in North London. Half of their research allegations of human rights abuse, although none is allowed to investigate their native country.

On-site research, however, involves the cooperation of the

very governments Amnesty is investigating.

"We never go into a country clandestinely... Amnesty starts with the assumption that the government is there to respect human rights and is amenable to discussion," said Roach, who has worked for the organization for nearly 17 years.

"This is probably what is called Amnesty's 'brilliant naivete'," he added.

This openness, coupled with rigorous research standards, has given Amnesty the credibility, and the influence, it now enjoys.

Detained

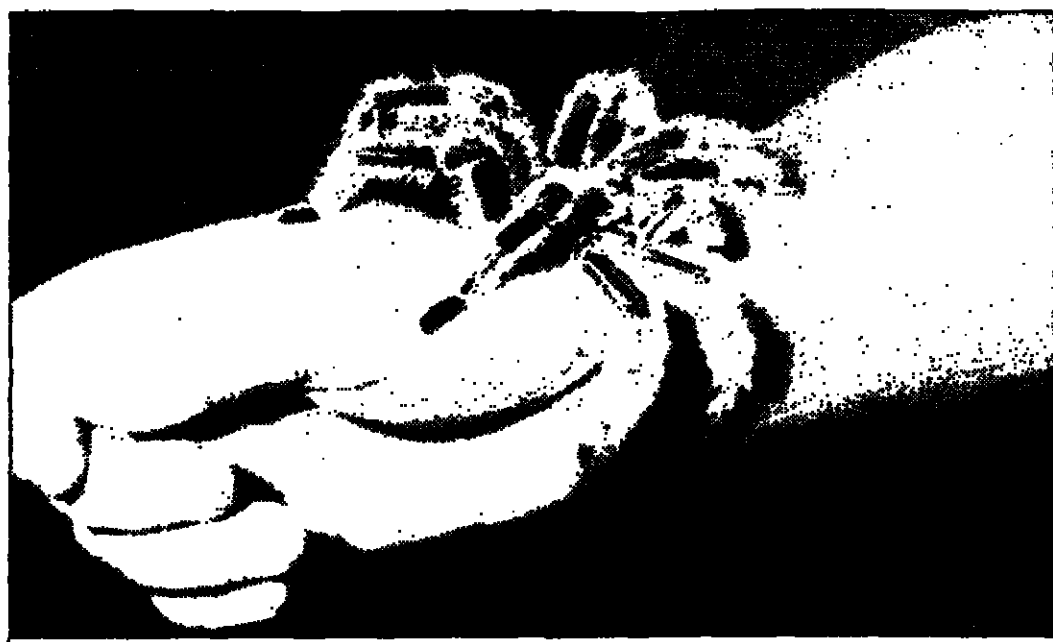
The government of Zaire announced major problems, including a new ministry for civilians' right and freedoms, after an Amnesty report in March 1986 alleged it had illegally detained hundreds of political opponents, some of whom had been tortured or killed.

President Mobutu Sese Seko said he accepted the validity of some of the allegations.

By Tracey Weeks

Phobias that plague us all

Some of the world's top stars have a secret phobia ... of failing. But according to top psychologist Dr David Lewis, countless other people suffer from the weirdest of fears, from loathing sex, to vomit and even coiled springs!



The deadly tarantula and other spiders spin webs of fear for arachneophobics.

was 25. I was called because she wanted to go to her son's wedding. She had a lot of children and because she was housebound she hadn't been able to go to any of their weddings. But she was determined she would go to one.

"Unfortunately I couldn't help her. We managed to get her about a mile from her house, but no further. "One woman we did cure of a phobia had a fear of the underground," Dr Lewis recalls. "It was an interesting case because she had developed the fear after reading about someone throwing themselves on the lines, in the newspapers. "She was travelling to work everyday, so the fear became a real problem. She literally found herself running out of the underground and unable to go back.

Dr Lewis started the charity, Action on Phobias five years ago. It was a forerunner of Stresswatch, which he launched in 1979.

Dr Lewis says: "I felt there was a tremendous need to help people with phobias, especially for those who didn't get help from drugs. The best way to help is to set up a self-help group. "As a psychologist I have been interested in phobias for a long time ... from the research point of view and how the brain works, and anxieties and fears. "People can have different degrees of fear. Sometimes for agoraphobics, certain rooms in

houses can also become no-go areas. "If a phobia is caused by stress in the first place, then as the stress goes, so does the phobia. But it doesn't always work that way. Some people need expert help to solve the problem.

"There are some good and effective treatments for phobias now. One method of dealing with a phobia is shock treatment ... making the person face the fear. It is the quickest way of doing it, but I don't think it is the best way, so I rarely use it.

But it certainly worked with one of his patients. "One woman who came to me for help was a teacher who suffered from needle phobia," he recalls. "She had been able to cope with the problem well enough, but she had just been offered a teaching post in Africa. This, of course, meant she had to have injections to protect her.

"She wanted to take up the post and had put off having the injections until the very last minute. When she came to us, it was the last possible day she could have the injections.

"We decided the best way to help her over the problem quickly, was total exposure to the phobia ... to flood her. She spent the whole day at the clinic, watching oranges being injected, watching student doctors injecting themselves and other and handling needles. In the end she was able to say 'get



Dr David Lewis, who treats phobias of many kinds

on with it and inject me." It worked in her case.

Dr Lewis had also treated patients with phobias to thunder, flying and blood, and even coiled springs!

He adds: "I think phobias are getting more common today and our knowledge is becoming more extensive. People today are more stressed than they used to be and because of that they are more likely to develop phobias.

"It is important that people teach themselves to be more relaxed. I suggest they list the things they are afraid of. What I mean is, if they are afraid of spiders, they should make a list of everything about spiders they are afraid of. They should build up their response, step by step.

If it happens, it happens. But don't worry about it.

Study probes causes of football violence

By Klaus von Elmpt

HAMBURG: The scene has become familiar all over the world. Emotional fans run wild — or the police overreact — and a football stadium becomes a battleground.

Not just goals are counted anymore, but the death toll, too, whether the game is played in West Germany, Britain, Belgium, Nepal or Libya.

What can be done about the rising spiral of football violence, on the field, off the field and in the streets of the cities where matches take place?

The cost of controlling rowdies at Scottish and English stadia has risen to \$13 million a year, up 20 per cent. This figure does not count the millions more spent in West Germany and other countries on special police guards for railways, shopping streets and city centres.

Not surprisingly, the threat of violence and the cost of curbing it is one of the main concerns of those charged with organising the European Football Championships in West Germany from June 10 to 25.

Against this background, five sports sociologists have made some suggestions on how everyone involved can help to see that violence does not gain the upper hand in football.

Their study, published here under the title "Fan Culture and Fan Behaviour", suggests that the police and the public at large, as well as the fans, share full responsibility for violence in and around the game.

The public, the authors say, responds to football violence by calling for greater police protection. The police, in turn, go too far by escorting groups of fans to the stadium, fencing in fans, watching them with video monitors, keeping water cannons at the ready and barring whole groups from entry to games.

These measures, while preventing some violence, also serve to change the venue of the mayhem to the streets and rail lines that bring the fans to the games. And rail police, at least in West Germany, too often are rough with fans, provoking them to violence, the authors contend.

Football clubs and the media, meanwhile, appeal to the animal urges in fans with talk of "revenge" matches and "the fight for survival."

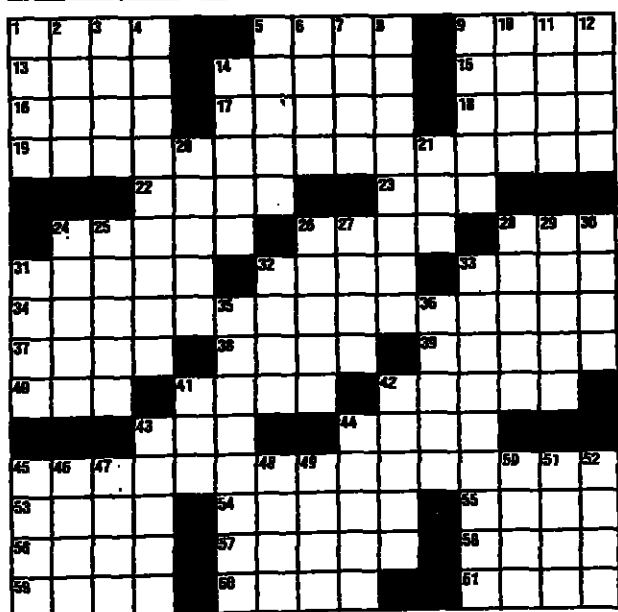
The study calls for more restraint and good will on the part of the public, police, media and the fans themselves. The players on the field can help to bring the fans to their senses with their own example of fair play and respect for the rules of the game.

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A football fan is chased by rival supporters. Scenes like this are common at many football matches.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWER TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ Q54 ♥ 83 ♦ AK1072 ♣ 762
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♣ Pass
1 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—Partner cannot have more than 15 points. Even if you count your hand as worth 10 points and he has a maximum, game would be much too iffy. Don't jeopardize a partscore by getting your side too high. Pass.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ Q54 ♥ 83 ♦ AK1072 ♣ 762
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♣ 1 ♣
1 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—This time the auction carries different implications. With a minimum opening bid, North would have passed. Therefore, you can expect him to have 15 points, and they are likely to be worth more because of the position of his heart honors behind the overcall. Invite by raising to two no trump.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 6 ♥ QJ73 ♦ J832 ♣ A954
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 ♣ Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—Don't leave a sign of relief and pass just because you have found a trump fit. In support of hearts your hand is worth about 11 points, so it clearly rates a raise to three hearts.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 7 ♥ J87 ♦ AQ10932 ♣ A93
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 2 NT Pass
?

What do you bid now?
A.—With your minimum opening bid, we don't think you should be looking for an 11-trick contract in diamonds. We would simply bid three no trump—your hand rates to produce a lot of tricks for partner.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 762 ♥ K10852 ♦ Q7 ♣ KQ9
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—You are worth a move toward game, especially in light of your fit for partner's suit. We suggest a raise to three hearts. That tells partner you need controls outside the trump suit if he is to consider proceeding to game.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ KJ7 ♥ QJ9 ♦ 76 ♣ AQ952
Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

A.—With your soft values and scant likelihood of a major-suit fit, you should be looking for the safest game. A minor suit contract, even if partner has a club fit, does not look attractive. A jump to two no trump describes both the strength and shape of your hand perfectly, and protects your tenaces.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 21 - April 18)
You will be able to improve your financial position, only you must continue to be frugal. Avoid eating merely out of boredom. You should make sure you do not waste time or energy. Be more reticent but not secretive.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to make the right decision. You should not be in such a hurry that you allow your standards to drop. Now is a good time to take the initiative. Be more modest.



Gemini (May 21 - June 21)
You should not draw attention to yourself. Venus's better influence will help you to make the right decision. You should avoid spending too much time dealing with secondary matters. Be fair.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
Jupiter's better influence will help you to press ahead with a project you consider to be important. You should do all you can to avoid complications. Do your best to avoid getting into an argument. Be alert.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
Make sure you do not allow rubbish to accumulate. An inclination to indulge a sweet tooth should be resisted. If you persevere you will learn something you have found to be more difficult than seemed at first.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
Make sure you do not get out of practice. This is going to be an exciting day and you must do all you can to keep calm. Do not pretend to greater knowledge than you possess. Be amenable.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
Change should be welcomed rather than resisted. You should not rush in where angels fear to tread. Do not allow your antipathies to cloud your judgment. Be sensible.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
Neptune's influence will help you to overcome your impulsiveness. Make sure you read again what you have written before despatching it. Try not to lose contact with an old friend. Be practical.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You should not judge others too harshly. Do not make yourself a martyr to diets. You must take care not to spoil something you have succeeded in doing.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)
Today you will be better able to meet your commitments. Avoid being a gossip and do not betray a confidence. Keep calm even in the face of provocation. Be less glib.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Today you should take even better care than usual when driving. You should not let a friend down. You will be provoked but you should not lose your temper nonetheless. Be considerate.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)
Your intelligence and common-sense will help you to deal with an embarrassing situation. You should be prepared to face up to the consequences of your actions. Do not let yourself be intimidated.

Eyewitness account of Khmer Rouge horrors

Surviving Cambodia's year zero

By W. Sarwcross

THE carnage in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge did not become widely known by reportage. Depressingly, for the business of journalism, it was Roland Joffe's powerful film, *The Killing Fields*, which made the destruction of Cambodia into a cause celebre, long after its main agony was ended.

Haing Ngor was a Cambodian doctor who lived under the Khmer Rouge terror from 1975-78, had well-founded suspicions of the Vietnamese liberation and occupation of 1979, escaped to the West and was eventually chosen to play the Cambodian hero in *The Killing Fields*.

This, in real life, was Dith Pran, who was the assistant to the New York Times correspondent, Sidney Schanberg, and who, along with Haing Ngor and millions of other Cambodians, was forced into the countryside in 1975, when the Khmer Rouge won victory, declared year zero and began to impose the most bloody revolution of modern times upon the country.

The story of what happened to Pran, and the guilt felt by Schanberg, was the story of the film. Now Haing Ngor has written his own story with the help of a talented American journalist, Roger Warner. It is a superb book, perhaps the best that has so far been published on what is like for ordinary people to live under the still inexplicable horrors of the Khmer Rouge. It is also a moving love story — that of Haing



Author Haing Ngor in the powerful film about Cambodia, *The Killing Fields*.

and his wife, Huoy, who died in childbirth because Haing did not have the instruments to save her. To have them would have revealed that he was a doctor in the old regime, rather than an uneducated taxi driver as he pretended, and would have meant death. "Sweet, save my life. Please save my life. I'm too tired. I just need a spoonful of rice," she said to him. He did nothing, she died and he lived with the guilt.

Haing Ngor tells in extraordinary detail, and with apparently total recall, of the forced march out of Phnom Penh when the Khmer Rouge won victory in 1975, and of its three and a half year attempt to

construct a revolutionary, self-sufficient society based on some already failed promises of Maoism and a total hatred of the world outside.

The Khmer Rouge outlawed religion. There was not enough food. For the "war slaves," as the bulk of the people were called, there was only unending work in the fields. "We had no more family obligations. Children left parents to die, wives abandoned their husbands, and the strongest kept on moving. The Khmer Rouge had taken away everything that held our culture together, and this was the result of a parade of the selfish and the dying. Society was falling apart."

Hardly any Cambodians had

a clue about the aims of the Khmer Rouge's constant torture and assault on the people. Endless slogans revealed nothing. Since their invasion in 1978, the Vietnamese have personalised the violence into the name of Pol Pot, one of the Khmer Rouge leaders; he is now the official hate figure. Hatred probably is, but during the rule of the Khmer Rouge no one in Cambodia had heard of him. Then it was the "Angka" or "organisation" that was credited by the cadres and blamed by everyone else for the misery of the country.

Although, like almost all other Cambodians, Haing Ngor felt liberated by the Vietnamese, he did not trust them and in 1979 he managed to make his way to Thailand and the USA. He won an Oscar for his role in *The Killing Fields*. As a result of the film, people listen to us now and become more aware of our country and our problems. Nobody listened before.

He speaks out against the continued Vietnamese occupation of the country and despite what he and millions of others suffered under the Khmer Rouge, accepts that it is necessary to fight on the same side as the Khmer Rouge to drive the Vietnamese out. "But I do not think it is necessary to wait to put the Khmer Rouge leaders on trial for their crimes. They have committed genocide against their own people and they should pay the price."

Surviving The Killing Fields By Haing Ngor with Roger Warner
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The man behind the myth

Another side of Iacocca

By Tuan Fallon

THE life and times of Lee Iacocca are well-known — or at least they should be, considering his autobiography sold more than 3m copies in hardback, and goodness knows how many in other editions. The son of poor Italian immigrants, he rose to become president of the Ford Motor Company, only to be sacked after 32 years because, as his boss, Henry Ford II, told him, "Well, sometimes you just don't like somebody." Then he went to Chrysler, rescued it from bankruptcy (with a little help from the Carter administration) and now earns more than \$20 million a year running a profitable and successful concern.

Peter Wyden has written a book which seems to have been based on the forlorn hope that Iacocca might run something else this year: his own campaign for the White House. There is even a chapter which compares his "monarchical leanings" with that of Nixon and John-

son. In that event, Mr Wyden and his publishers clearly hoped they might emulate the best-selling qualities of their subject. Alas, it is not to be. American folk-hero though he is, Iacocca is not ready for the press mill and the examination of every little detail of his life — at least not this time round. It might be a different story in 1992, but that seems unlikely.

Wyden starts from the premise that Iacocca's own version of his life is too good to be true, and that by interviewing enough of his old friends and former colleagues he will unearth the real man. On the face of it that sounds not unreasonable — if there is something to uncover, as there was, for example, with Iacocca's exact contemporary and old sparring mate, John DeLoe. But if there is, it remains hidden from Wyden.

Thus we learn that Iacocca in his book says that at grade school a certain Dorothy Warshaw was always first and he was second; not so, says Wyden — there were actually three ambitious little scholars vying

for the top spot and Iacocca sometimes slipped as low as third. And later we read that Iacocca once painted himself as "a bit of a rake" whereas much sleuthing reveals he was shy and chaste. There are similar revelations right through the book.

Yet even this iconoclastic approach cannot detract entirely from a man who is one of the interesting businessmen of our age. I once heard him speak at a lunch in Washington at the height of the Chrysler crisis when he was lobbying for government money, and was greatly taken with the force of personality and power that came out of him. The Wall Street Journal at the time was editorialising about Chrysler — "Let them die with dignity" — and Iacocca, with typical vigour worthy of his own heroes, General Patton and MacArthur, was hitting back: "Screw the Wall Street Journal." Johnny Carson had a new joke about Chrysler and its boss every night, the most biting being the definition of the meanest man in America: "The



Lee Iacocca: monarchical leanings

fellow who called Chrysler and asked: 'How's business?' The story of how Iacocca pulled Chrysler back from that position to one of the most profitable companies in America is a remarkable one. It is also his one truly memorable achievement — presidents of Ford are two a penny, and Robert McNamara, an eminent predecessor in that role, was barely known outside Detroit before John Kennedy brought him to Washington.

The Unknown Iacocca By Peter Wyden
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Author Zane Grey snubbed for being a hypocrite

By Ian Ball

IN the contemporary American passion for posthumously debunking great figures in politics, the military, literature and show business, an unlikely target emerged recently — Zane Grey, the novelist and legendary outdoorsman.

Grey has been snubbed roundly by the residents of Payson, Arizona, where he made his home after he became rich and renowned with such books as *Code of the West* and *Riders of the Purple Sage*.

The Payson school board decided, on a 5-to-0 vote, not to put his name on the new elementary school. Beyond the small Arizona community, approval had been considered automatic.

Ray Ring, an Arizona writer who knows the area and Grey's Arizona lifestyle well, reported in his weekly column that the schoolboard had trotted out soothing practical reasons for not naming it the Zane Grey School.

For one thing, it was only logical to name the school after the town, and there could be big savings from using the old school's stationery.

"But the time he got to Arizona, Zane Grey was vain. He was world-class rich and insufferably arrogant."

He'd cruise through town in a black limo with vanity plates. The front plate announced: "Here comes Zane Grey." The rear plate said "There goes Zane Grey."

"On his lavish hunting expeditions, he'd take along a bath tub and mountains of goods to keep him comfortable, and a couple of dozen cooks, wranglers, guides and 'secretaries' or 'nices' who were his concubines."

"Despite the ideals of virtue presented in his books, Zane Grey cheated on his wife, Dolly, and lived about as simply as a sultan."

Ring said that Zane Grey was a hypocrite. "Nothing like the heroes in his books. He'd wax on about 'my beloved Arizona.' But for years he figured he was above the law when it came to hunting here."

Mrs Mae Haight, 87, a member of the pioneer family that sold Zane Grey his land, built his cabin and guided him on hunts, said: "I never did have a very good opinion of him."



Ronald and Nancy Reagan: there is a whole span of unflattering revelations about them in several books by people close to the couple

Telling tales about Ron and Nancy

Reagan - bashing begins in print

By Michael Binyon

IT is a sad irony that President Reagan, a man notoriously soft-hearted and loyal to his friends, has been treated so shabbily by those closest to him — his former staff and his children. Each week brings a new book of title-tattle from those who worked in the White House.

The stream began with David Stockman, the former Budget Director, who made a cool \$2 million (£1.06 million) with stories of the President's fiscal illiteracy.

Then came Michael Deaver, now awaiting sentence for perjury, with his money-making savaging of the Reagans at home. Nancy, "the little girl with her nose pressed up against the candy-store window," who managed to impose on the President such profound notions of peace, and national security, "as she might have acquired from Vogue or Better Homes & Gardens."

And Ron, the malleable, less than intellectual figure, who had glided through life unable to deal with personal conflict or summon up the nerve to dismiss anybody.

Larry Speakes, the prickly, self-important former White House spokesman, is now adding to his fat salary at a New York broker's with his thumb-nail character assassinations: Vice-President George Bush, "the perfect yes-man" who "tried to avoid taking a portfolio," Maureen Reagan, the President's "punch-you-in-the-nose" daughter who is "to the right of Attila the Hun"; and Nancy, who is "likely to

stab you in the back" when stirred up.

Most cuttingly, he says that preparing the President for a news conference was "like reinventing the wheel."

His book is out in May and, like all the others, makes Nancy the villain. The view is certain to be echoed by Don Regan, the former Chief of Staff, who will give his side of the public feud with Nancy — which he lost — when his book is rushed into print soon.

The publishers are signing them up thick and fast as they pour out of the White House, leaking loyalty and secrets. But they have only a few months. The Reagans' shelf life is clearly date-stamped all over them.

The President is said to be blithely insouciant of the jibes. It is Nancy who resents such revelations that the nation's first couple likes to change into pyjamas in the early evening, and pad around in dressing gowns for almost half the day.

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But the books by the Reagan children have hurt their parents. Patti Reagan's bitter and transparent "novel" about a California governor and his clinging, tenacious wife revealed the gulf between the President and his children. An angrier book has just been published by Michael Reagan, his adopted eldest son.

His autobiography made sad reading: it was a loveless household in which he grew up. He spent most of his life angry: at Jane Wyman, Reagan's first wife, for not having more time for him, at his birth mother for giving him away, at Nancy for claiming so much of his father's

attention.

He writes chillingly of "the dragon lady" as he and his sister Maureen called Nancy. Once when he received a bad school report, she gave him an ultimatum: "You're not living up to the Reagan name or image, and unless you start shaping up, it would be best for you to change your name and leave the house."

"Fine," he responded. "Why don't you just tell me the name I was born with so at least when I walk out the door I'll know what name to use."

"OK, Mr Reagan," he quotes her saying. "I'll do just that." A week later, he writes, Nancy told him he was the illegitimate son of a soldier and a Kentucky farmgirl-turned-actress.

But the book has its hilarious moments. He tells of a telephone call from his distraught father, reporting that he and Nancy, returning early from a trip, had found Ron Reagan Jr entertaining a young woman for the weekend.

Ron had dropped out of Yale to become a ballet dancer and, Michael writes, the Reagans had been concerned by insinuations that he might be homosexual.

Responding to the call, he writes, he made a good news-bad news joke. "The good news is that you found out he isn't gay. There was a moment of silence on Dad's end of the line. Finally he said, 'I guess it is a blessing.' Thanks, Mike... I must tell Nancy."

Michael says that by the time he had finished writing his book his anger and bitterness had dissipated. He has now begun to rebuild his relationship with his parents, he says.

Rumer Godden recalls her life in India

Memoirs of a non-conformist memsahib

By Hilary Spurling

RUMER GODDEN was born in 1907, five years before the young E.M. Forster sailed for India and his first encounter with the arrogance and insularity of English memsahibs. "If our children stop in India they get to talk chit-chat," one of them told him, "and it is such a stigma."

Rumer and her elder sister stopped too long in India, where both contracted the dreaded, singsong, Eurasian accent, for which they suffered cruelly when they finally reached their English convent boarding school, at the ripe of old ages of 12 and 13.

Rumer's enchanting story, "The River" paints an authentic picture of their upbringing on a remote river station in Bengal, where their father ran the local steamship company. Isolated, resourceful self-reliant the Goddens girls grew up seeing virtually no one of their own age and kind, forbidden to play with their Eurasian neighbours, and quite unprepared for the hostility and derision provoked in England by their uncouth behaviour and outlandish accents.

Rumer (named for her grandmother, Harriet Rumer Moore) found herself once again a social misfit when she returned, at the end of the 1920, to open a dancing school in Calcutta, where "nice girls" did not attempt to earn a living.

By this time she had herself read Forster: "Mrs Moore of Passage to India changed my life." She demanded to learn Hindi, and bitterly reproached her bewildered parents for teaching her so little about the

customs and beliefs of the land in which she lived. The unending round of parties, picnics, tennis and small talk at the golf club made her feel increasingly a stranger to the polite society of Calcutta.

I was too appalled at their complete ignorance of India until I realised that, like many of their kind, they had never really been there; they were still in Britain, adapting their exile to as close a British pattern as they could, oblivious to everything Indian except for their servants.

More than 30 years later, this kind of blind, stubborn, dogged rejection of the subcontinent and its people was one of the things that struck Paul Scott most about the British — and especially their wives — in India after independence. Attitudes which E.M. Forster had incorporated into "A Passage to India" survived intact, or seemed so to Scott collecting material in 1964 for "The Jewel in the Crown." "A Time to Dance, No Time to Weep" describes what it was like for a writer to attempt to come to terms at first hand with these attitudes in fact, rather than in fiction.

Charming

Writing for Rumer Godden offered an escape from her compatriots' snobbery, Philistinism and restrictive practices. They despised her for taking Eurasian pupils, and still more for training a cabaret troupe of delicate, graceful, half-caste or "chi-chi" dancers (treated more like call girls by the local memsahibs).

Marriage to a charming and thoroughly conventional stockbroker only aggravated her inability to conform. He retreated in self-defence into sport and socialising, eventually embezzled his firm's

funds, lost his job, and left her to face the bailiffs without a word of warning or farewell. "He must have been terribly afraid of me," she writes. "Goddens have poisonous tongues."

Female Goddens seem also to have been natural commanders ("I have always been good at telling other people what to do") with high tempers, strong wills and no great faith in men. Abandoned by her husband in 1941, Rumer found herself alone, homeless, crushed by debt, with two small children and no means of support. Her solution was to remove herself, bodily as well as spiritually, to a life of extreme and primitive frugality in the Himalayan foothills.

Writing, not yet a reliable source of income, became an essential solace. A diary written at this time, published later as "Rungh-Rungliot", paints yet another enchanting picture of mountain solitude, pure air, clear streams, swathes of wild iris and damask roses, hoopoes in the garden, bulbuls tapping at the windowpane, once even a snow leopard at the kitchen door.

The war lent a certain background menace to "Rungh-Rungliot", but it is only now, with this autobiography, that the reader gains an inkling of the constant submerged strains — the nightmare of insecurity, social ostracism, financial and emotional catastrophe — which gave that book its piercing sweetness. Like all Rumer Godden's best work, its charm lies in its power to console, to distract attention from the more painful or squalid aspects of reality to sweeter, purer and more fragrant places.

A Time to Dance, No Time to Weep: an Autobiography. By Rumer Godden. Macmillan £12.95

As a schoolgirl, the young Rumer had sworn to pay out her tormentors in a book when she grew up: "Yet, when... I did write a book about nuns, 'Black Narcissus', I mysteriously could not take that revenge." "Black Narcissus" was her first best-seller, the book... that, however precariously, financed her Himalayan exile.

No doubt a bitter book would not have sold so well. Its author compares herself to a divided Himalayan valley. The lower, inhabited slopes represent the active everyday self that makes marmalade and minds the children, operating automatically, as if under mist.

Next there are fields and fields of memory hills, all the war news and worries in my mind; they loom so large they block out the snows. The snows are my own, my secret snows. I know they are there; they are only hidden by the hills.

There could hardly be a clearer metaphor for how and why a popular author works. The snows represent the books which serve, for both writer and reader, as a powerful talisman against the hills of pain and stress. This is surely Rumer Godden's secret. She and her sister were never, as she says, Rolls-Royce writing engines like Forster or Scott, more motor scooters, "what the Indians call 'putputtis' because of their uncertain stroke but we knew the authentic hum..."

This uncommonly clear, entertaining and revealing book explains much about what made the machine hum, and why so many readers found its humming irresistible.

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THROMBOEMBOLIC DISEASE: CLOT THAT OBSTRUCTS BLOOD VESSELS

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I was hospitalised with lung trouble from a clot in my leg. What happened to me?

ANSWER: Very likely you suffered from thromboembolic disease. That is a medical term that means the formation of a blood clot which obstructs a blood vessel usually in the legs (as in your case) or elsewhere in the body. Such clots can be carried by the blood to a different body site... often the lungs or heart.

Such conditions are extremely serious and are major causes of pain and deaths.

Thrombosis, especially when in deep veins (those that run deep below the surface of the skin), is very difficult to diagnose, often requiring the services of specialists who use several high sophisticated diagnostic methods.

Patients who suffer deep vein thrombosis frequently have surgery or congestive heart failure. Also, certain diseases, among them cancer and polycythemia vera (a disorder of unknown origin that causes abnormal increases in bone marrow and red cells in the blood) can cause it. Additionally, drugs such as estrogens may increase the likelihood of clot formations, as do long periods

of time when portions of the body may be in a cast. However, deep vein thrombosis is a common problem even in the absence of those conditions.

Physicians often have patients suspected of suffering thromboembolic disease to rest in bed, elevate one or both legs, soak in warm baths and take anti-inflammatory drugs.

Effective anticoagulant (decreasing the blood's ability to clot) drugs can be used, if a physician's diagnosis indicates they are required. Two of those are heparin and warfarin. As all drugs do, those two can have side effects. People taking them are watched very closely by their physicians.

Other drugs can be helpful, and at times surgery is required to completely correct the condition.

You may wish to discuss this matter more fully with your own physician, in case I have left out any factors that were important in your case.

QUESTION: Can somebody's mind make the pain they are suffering from seem worse than it is?

ANSWER: The mind is a powerful weapon, and it can be used either to fight

illness and pain or to make them worse. Pain is felt because of an interaction of many physical factors. Some people are more sensitive to these factors than others. But the perception of pain also depends on the mind's interaction with the body.

Some people with chronic conditions "learn" a pain cycle that they must "unlearn" if they are to diminish their pain.

Think about it. Once someone begins to suffer from chronic pain, he or she may receive some rewards as a result of it. These rewards are termed "secondary gain" by physicians, and they need to be recognised by the person who is in pain. If disability benefits, leave from an unpleasant job, a cash settlement as a result of a court case, or extra attention from loved ones results from the chronic pain, it is not surprising that the pain continues. This is not the case for everyone, but it is a danger that all persons with chronic pain should be alert to. The mature, well-adjusted person will recognise this behaviour and work to stop it before it creates an unhealthy situation. To break a learned pain cycle, encouragement from family, friends and physician are essential.

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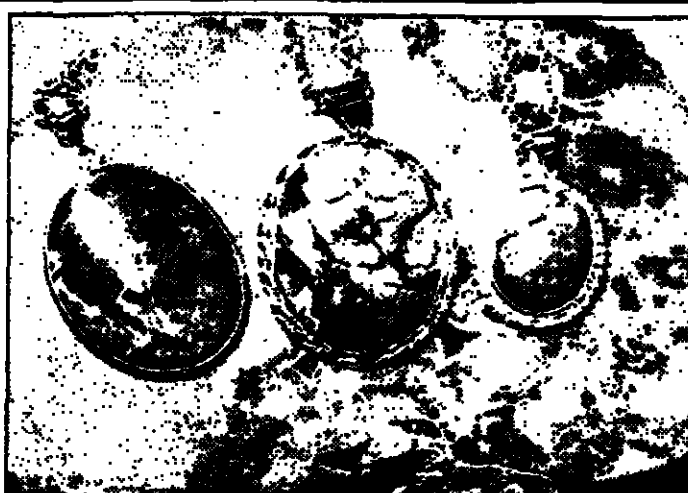


By Smith



Ian and Merrilynn show off raw materials for their jewellery — lumps of prehistoric dinosaur dung.

Geologist Ian Lennon and his wife in Somerset, England, run a highly successful business making and selling jewellery made from dinosaur dung! Over a period of 150 million years it has been transformed into a fascinating multi-coloured substance, and after it is cut and polished, can hold its own in any reputable jeweller's shop.



Examples of the beautiful jewellery which can be created out of dinosaur dung.

Jewellery not to be sniffed at

By Georgina Gold

IF getting engaged is one of the most romantic experiences in a girl's life, receiving an engagement ring made of animal droppings must be enough to kill any amount of passion.

Unless, that is, the ring in question is made by geologist Ian Lennon and his wife Merrilynn.

For this enterprising couple run a highly successful business making and selling jewellery made exclusively from dinosaur dung.

They have their own workshop and studio in Cheddar, Somerset, where they hand-make the prehistoric jewellery to order.

Fortunately, the dung is nothing like you would expect it to be: it's not brown, smelly, or even dried up and yellow. Admittedly, some specimens look disturbingly like giant-sized cowpats but the dung itself has been transformed over the last 150 million years

into a fascinating multi-coloured substance.

And after it's been cut and polished it can certainly hold its own in any reputable jeweller's shop window alongside diamonds, rubies and the rest.

The colours range from flaming red to metallic grey or mustardy green and the Lennons have produced exquisite engagement rings, brooches and pendants which have proved immensely popular with visitors to the tiny Somerset village.

All this is a far cry from the days when the mighty dinosaurs ruled the world and dumped droppings the size of footballs in the muddy terrain.

But what species of dinosaur was responsible for originating one of the fashion gemstones of the 1980's?

"It's virtually impossible to tell unless the bones of a dinosaur are found with the droppings," says Ian.

"As far as we know, no species have been identified with the dung that we use. But we can actually tell the height of

the dinosaurs from the identification marks the droppings made on the ground.

"One thing is clear, and that's that they were very tall. At a guess I'd say that they were the height of two elephants."

Unfortunately, the droppings from British dinosaurs don't quite make the grade for Ian and Merrilynn's jewellery.

Merrilynn explains: "In this country it hasn't really hardened enough to be cut and polished. There are plenty of droppings over here, but they're just not right for us."

The Lennons import all their materials from Colorado in the United States — a country rich in droppings!

Over the years, the substance has changed and hardened into an agate with the official geological name of coprolite.

And ironically, most of their sales of dung jewellery are to American tourists, who promptly take the product back to its country of origin.

Amazing

Ian says: "It's quite amazing that many of them come over here and admire our jewellery, not even realizing where it comes from."

"When we tell them they can hardly believe it because they've never even heard of it in their own country. It seems strange to come so many thousands of miles only to buy something from your own country."

Ian and Merrilynn display their work in their shop window under the name coprolite. Many customers walk in totally unaware of just what this unusual looking gem really is.

Merrilynn says: "We usually tell people that coprolite is dinosaur dung and their first reaction is, 'Oh no, not really!' But then they ask us how we know and we give them a detailed technical

explanation.

"Usually they think it's a bit of a laugh, and it encourages them to buy it," she adds.

"But I remember one man who bought a pendant for his wife and never even asked what coprolite was. I often wonder if he has ever found out what it is."

Luckily, the droppings have lost their smell, but very occasionally Ian says he gets a whiff of something rather unpleasant.

He says: "The British dung is quite smelly as it's soft and contains phosphate nodules. In the main, the American version has no phosphates but I come across the occasional one when I'm hammering the stones in my workshop."

"It's quite a nasty odour which reminds me of fertilisers — a blood and bone smell. But people shouldn't let this put them off as it happens so rarely and there's no smell at all in the jewellery."

It's impossible to tell just what the dinosaur's staple diet was from the droppings, but the

softer British version contains traces of fish bones and vegetable matter.

The enterprising Lennons also make jewellery from dinosaur bone, described by Merrilynn as exquisitely beautiful.

She says: "We get the bones from Colorado and the texture is incredible. It produces all sorts of colours — reds, greys, purples and even silvery blue. We make all sorts of jewellery — rings, brooches and pendants."

But do either Ian or Merrilynn wear engagement or wedding rings made from the prehistoric matter?

"No," says Merrilynn. "We married before we started making these and I have a diamond wedding ring. That's why our business logo is 'From diamonds to dinosaur dung.'"

"But I do have a pendant made from it, and I'm glad to say I'm very proud of it."

With prices ranging from £10 to £200 Ian and Merrilynn reckon their unique jewellery is certainly not to be sniffed at.



Merrilynn Lennon proudly shows off her own dinosaur dung pendant.



Ian and Merrilynn Lennon hard at work smouldering jewellery in their workshop.

The facts about PMS

By Dr. David Baron

PREMENSTRUAL syndrome, or PMS, was first described in medical literature in 1931, but it was only recently that the medical community agreed upon a definition of the condition. Here's what health professionals now know about symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options.

What constitutes PMS

The National Institute of Mental Health describes premenstrual syndrome as a condition in which an otherwise healthy woman experiences physical and/or emotional symptoms that are severe enough to impair her ability to function at work or in social situations. These symptoms occur sometime between the middle of the menstrual cycle and the onset of menstruation itself, and they disappear a few days after bleeding begins.

Common symptoms of PMS include irritability, depression, headache, food cravings and bloating, but over 140 other symptoms have been associated with this condition. These may affect a specific part of the body — as in the case of breast swelling or tenderness, constipation, migraine headache or cravings for sweet or salty food — or they may be more general in nature; a woman may, for instance, suffer dizziness, fatigue, tension or low self-esteem.

While researchers have not yet pinpointed the cause of PMS, there is strong evidence that the condition has a biological basis. Most theories focus on the hormones estrogen and progesterone and their effects on the brain. Research also indicates that the

severity of PMS symptoms can be influenced by psychological and social factors, such as family stress or financial worries.

An interesting finding of a number of studies is the strong connection between PMS and depression. PMS sufferers have a significantly higher predisposition to developing depressive disorders. It has also been determined that women suffering from depression report more severe PMS symptoms. Also, a woman with PMS is more likely to suffer postpartum depression than other women.

How diagnosis is made

Unlike most illnesses in which the key to making an accurate diagnosis is properly evaluating the symptoms, the critical issue with PMS is the timing of the symptoms. The signs of the syndrome must manifest themselves during the two weeks before menstruation; even if a woman presents a "textbook" case of PMS complaints, if the symptoms occur just after menstruation, a diagnosis of PMS is probably incorrect.

When a woman suspects that she has PMS and seeks medical help, a gynaecologist should take a complete medical history and perform a physical examination to rule out any other illnesses that present similar symptoms; these include endocrine disorders, thyroid abnormalities, anaemia and some psychiatric problems. Then the doctor should have the patient keep a daily diary of her symptoms for a minimum of two menstrual cycles. The physician can then evaluate these records and make a diagnosis.

What treatments are available

Once a diagnosis of PMS is made, a conservative treatment regimen should be tried before starting any supplements or medications (see below). This type of approach includes making dietary changes, engaging in regular aerobic exercise and learning how to manage stress. The dietary changes should include limiting salt intake (to reduce fluid retention); limiting consumption of refined sugars and eating smaller, more frequent meals. But as yet only one study has found this treatment to be any better than a placebo.

A treatment that's popular in Great Britain is based on daily dietary supplementation with gamma-linolenic acid (GLA), a fatty acid derived from the oil of a primrose plant and sold under the name Efamol. British researchers have shown that some PMS patients treated with GLA report significant improvement that continues for several months after supplementation stops. Few studies of GLA's effectiveness have been performed to date in the United States, however.

Another effective treatment option involves the use of an anti-anxiety medication, alprazolam (marketed under the brand name Xanax). Three independent studies conducted at major US medical schools have found this prescription drug alleviates a variety of PMS symptoms. Adverse side effects can occur if the patient abruptly stops taking the drug. Therefore, the dose should be tapered off gradually, usually stopping two or three days after the onset of menstruation. This eliminates any withdrawal symptoms.

Doubts on breast cancer screening

CHICAGO, March, (Reuter): Too few lives are saved to justify the high cost of routine mammography examinations to detect breast cancer in women under the age of 50, according to a report published recently.

The report, in the Journal of the American Medical Association, touches on an area that is in dispute in the medical community.

The National Cancer Institute, the American college of physicians and other groups do not recommend mammography for women aged 35 to 50 who run no special risk of breast cancer: those who have no family history of it or suspect they have a problem.

The American Cancer society and the American college of radiology, on the other hand, are among groups which recommend an initial mammography at age 35 to 40 and one every two or three years thereafter until age 50.

There is less dispute over the value of such examinations beyond the age of 50.

The study published by researchers at Duke University, estimated that adding mammograms to annual physical breast exams would result in a net increase in costs of 402 million dollars, in 1984 dollars, by the year 2,000.

Even though a few lives would be saved, they suggested, the money would be better spent on other areas of health care.

John Bailor of the McGill University School of Medicine in Montreal, commenting on the study in an editorial in the journal, said: "The evidence as a whole... does not demonstrate any clear health benefit from mammographic screening for breast cancer in women younger than 50 years of age."

He said that "a variety of substantial costs are generated from screening this population. Routine screening of this age group should be discontinued."

By Lynda Black

FOR some mothers-to-be the news that they are expecting twins is like a dream come true... for others it comes as a terrible nightmare.

And no-one knows that more than paediatrician Elizabeth Bryan.

The romantic notion that all mothers are thrilled to hear they are expecting a double event is a myth, she says. For while some, of course are delighted, especially those who had previously had infertility problems, many aren't quite so happy.

Many mums-to-be go into deep shock, faint, cry or even scream with horror when they are given the news.

For the past 14 years Dr Bryan has made a study of twins and has learned all about the problems facing parents of double births. She is also the co-founder of the world's first club for multiple births — called TAMBA — The Twins and Multiple Births Association —

set up in 1978.

And she's been staggered by the effect that having twins can have on a family. There was one woman, for example, who hadn't been out of the house since the birth of her twins — more than 15 months before. Then there was a father who couldn't tell the difference between his own 13-year-old identical twin sons.

Dr Bryan explains: "Society thinks twins are terribly exciting. By the time the mother goes into labour she's on a tremendous high. But the first six months for her are terribly worrying."

First-time mothers, petrified of picking up their fragile babies for a first cuddle, have to struggle with two.

In fact, the old saying of 'twice as nice' is often a nightmare.

Dr Bryan adds: "Mothers of twins are under a great deal of strain, particularly if they don't have any help. Health visitors do not have any real experience, so they are really on their own."

Are twins double trouble?

The news that a mother-to-be is expecting twins can bring pain as well as joy. According to top paediatrician Dr Elizabeth Bryan some mums are so shocked they faint, cry or even scream with horror.

"When the mother is told they have a twin pregnancy they are all shocked. Some are thrilled and over the moon, while others may break down and cry. It can cause terrible anguish if you have already made a mistake getting pregnant and that mistake turns into two."

Sally Salvesen, who has two non-identical twins aged six-and-a-half, called Tom and Ben, was devastated when she was told the 'happy' news.

Awesome

"I broke down and cried," she says. "I was very upset. I wasn't baby minded at all and I hadn't really got used to the idea of one baby. I was scared and didn't have a clue about how I was going to cope."

"I had someone to help me for the first four weeks, who was not very successful. She bossed me around so much that

all she did was frighten me. That was when I decided that I was going to do everything on my own, which was a terrible mistake. If you start off on your own, you can end up feeling a desperate failure."

Meal times became an awesome task, trying to feed two babies at the same time, as well as the endless rounds of bottle washing and sterilising. There was very little time to relax and Sally felt increasingly isolated, despite all the help from her husband. "I couldn't get two carrycots into the back of the car," Sally explains. "You get very good at asking people for help, but if you are shy it can be very difficult."

Sally now plays a valuable role within TAMBA, working at a special clinic advising mothers and fathers-to-be, and listening to problems which she, herself, once encountered.

The clinic — based at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, in West London — also provides healthcare for multiple birth babies. There parents are reassured and told not to panic. As Dr Bryan says: "Twins are surprisingly common, one in every hundred pregnancies results in twins and there are many famous parents of double births. Actress Cybill Shepherd, TV personality Michael Aspel and singer Gerard Kenny all have twins."

"One of the problems that can occur with twins is that they can generate their own language problems, talking to each other in 'baby talk' rather than listening to their parents. If their main model for speech is at the same level as them, it tends to reinforce the mistakes. But even more eerie for some

parents is the silent communication that goes on between some twins. One third of twins are born prematurely, and over half of them have a low birth weight."

Because they are premature, it can lead to other difficulties," Dr Bryan explains. "They can suffer from breathing difficulties, jaundice, and because they are small and premature they have to go into a special baby care unit, which makes it very difficult for a mother to form a bond with her babies."

Problems

"One of the things that can cause problems is a parent's ability to treat twins as individuals. Mothers often make the mistake of thinking that they will get two babies who are identical and that they will each get half her love. But one baby may be bigger and healthier than the other, or more attractive. That's why it's more normal to have just one baby — one baby to cope with and to fall in love with."

"If you have one lovely, placid baby, and one that's niggly, colicky, and fights and bites you it's not difficult to prefer the other. But a crying baby is demanding more attention, so the mother finds herself reluctantly giving more attention to the baby she doesn't find as attractive. With twins you have a constant comparison between the two babies."

"If you warn mothers beforehand that this might happen, then they won't feel so guilty when it happens."

The clinic also has special sub-clinics for 'Super Twins', triplets, quadruplets and so on. There is even a section for twins; one of whom is physically or

mentally handicapped.

Mrs Valerie Holroyd, 40, and her husband, John, from Chiswick, in London, have had a lot of help with their twin sons James and Alexander.

Valerie was only 28 weeks pregnant when she went into labour, after trying to get pregnant for years.

"I was over the moon," she says. "I'd had years of fertilisation treatment and I thought I would never get pregnant. When I was told I was carrying twins it was like having an instant family."

James and Alexander were born three weeks premature and spent the first two months of their lives in a baby care unit. Sadly, James was diagnosed as suffering from Down's Syndrome. As Valerie had a lot of babies at Queen Charlotte's she learned about the clinic and became one of its earliest

clients.

Valerie recalls: "I was really very upset. John and I both sat down and cried. I felt very protective. I felt I could kill anyone who would want to hurt him."

"We are determined to do anything to help him to achieve his potential, whatever that might be."

Having a normal twin does have its advantages, though. "It is good for him to have a model because twins are such good mimics," Valerie adds.

"Although Alex does not get the reaction of a normal brother I'm hoping that he will develop a feeling of responsibility for James."

"I knew having twins was going to be very expensive, but even I was surprised by how busy life became."

Another important part of the clinic's work is helping parents who have lost one or more of their twins or triplets.

Dr Bryan says: "There are very strong problems for those who have lost one twin or more."

"The problem is much underestimated. People always say how lucky you are to have another child. But a study of 200 adult twins who had lost a brother or a sister revealed that, even in their fifties, they still feel their loss, and even fantasise about their dead twin."

Guilt

Some surviving twins, Dr Bryan believes, suffer a terrible guilt that can cause their own death.

And parents who do not tell their child about a twin brother or sister are unaware of the strange phenomena that surrounds twins. Many surviving twins instinctively know that they are simply half of a whole.

Someone who knows the heartbreak of losing their child is Pamela and John Gale, whose twin daughters, Kataline and Harriet, are 18 months old. Although they have five children, ten-year-old Laura, Joseph, eight, and Anthony, aged four, they lost their baby Sam through a cot death.



Parents, grandparents and various sets of twins get together at the twins' clinic at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital.



Mrs Valerie Holroyd with James and Alexander. Sadly James (right) was born with Down's syndrome.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

US outlines policy on international air cargo

WASHINGTON, April 17: The Reagan administration says it won't tolerate foreign barriers that inhibit the ability of US carriers to compete for international air cargo, "the most dynamic and fast-changing sector of air transportation."

Alan Larson, acting assistant secretary of state for business and economic affairs, presented a draft of a policy statement on this question on April 12 to a House of Representatives Public Works and Transportation subcommittee.

One of its aims, Larson said, is to serve notice to other governments to their markets.

Another, he said, is to allow policy continuity in US administrations succeeding President Reagan's.

The draft identifies seven objectives necessary to the US air cargo industry's competitiveness. In Larson's words they include "the freedom of carriers (1) to enter foreign markets, (2) to plan their routing, (3) to determine the capacity and frequency of cargo services, (4) to price their services in keeping with commercial considerations, and (5) to provide a broad range of charter services."

Equally important, Larson said, airlines should have rights in ancillary operations (6) to perform their own ground handling, obtain efficient customs clearance and adequate warehouse facilities at reasonable cost, and (7) to move cargo by truck and other means.

An eighth overall objective is elimination and all discriminatory practices in air cargo, he said.

Discrimination

"We will not tolerate any discrimination which denies US carriers the fundamental right of fair competition," Larson said.

Matthew Scoocza, Assistant Secretary of Transportation, said the final policy statement will consider the views of congressmen and industry representatives who have commented on the draft.

Preparation of the draft statement by the State of Transportation departments follows their 1987 study showing US carriers' share of the world air cargo market (based on weight) dropping over the past decade, Scoocza said.

That share has increased over the past two years, however, from 30.4 to 31 per cent in 1986 and to 32.1 per cent in 1987, he said.

Tin producing nations to set up international study group

GENEVA, April 17, (Reuters): Tin producing and consuming nations will hold a conference in Geneva, probably in November, to set up an international study group, an Unctad spokesman said yesterday.

The decision was taken by delegates from about 30 countries ending five-day talks here under the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad), he told reporters.

"There will be a negotiating conference to set up an international tin study group here in the last three months of the year, probably in November," spokesman Graham Shanley said.

The study group would serve as a centre for tin statistics and industry studies.

Collapse

Delegates were cautious following the October 1985 collapse of the International Tin Council (ITC), now virtually defunct, although it still plays a statistical role.

The second UN conference in 1953 led to the institution of the first post-World War II international tin agreement.

Under the agreement the so-called ITC buffer stock manager bought and sold tin to try and stabilise prices. The buffer stock went bankrupt during one of its operations and tin trading was suspended on the London Metal Exchange on October 24, 1985 and has not resumed.

Gas pipeline

OSLO, April 17, (Reuters): Norway and Belgium signed a deal yesterday to build one of the world's longest undersea pipelines which will provide Europe with Norwegian gas until well into the next century.

Norwegian Oil and Energy Minister Arne Oien signed the agreement on the 1,300-kilometre (812-mile) Zeepipe pipeline with Firmin Aerts, state secretary (junior minister) for energy in Belgium's Ministry for Economic Affairs, in Oslo.

Life assurance bonds

Brave new world for investors

By Midas

AS soon as an expatriate invests in either a unit trust or offshore bank account, or merely takes out a subscription to a financial magazine, he, or she, is bound to find themselves bombarded by countless brochures advertising other trusts, funds and special offers.

What happens is that your name finds its way onto a mailing list and you then become fair game for every company that pays to have that list.

A lot of the resulting mail can be accurately described as junk mail. Offers of tremendous profits from companies with impressive names like the International Guardian and Banking Trust, or The Safeguard Unit Trust should be placed straight into the waste basket. Remember Midas' Golden Rule, "If you've never heard of them before, don't give them your money."

However, some reputable companies do advertise their services in this way, so once you have sorted out the obviously

risky offers, it's a good idea to see what's on offer. One type of investment which often arrives in this way is the Offshore Life Assurance Policy. What is it, and how does it work?

It isn't really much of an insurance policy, since, in the event of your death you will usually only get benefits equal to the amount that you have invested.

Policies

The life assurance element is really just a legal framework which enables you to qualify for certain tax advantages. This leads to a crucial point, if you do not pay British taxes, and are not likely to ever become resident in the UK, then these policies are not for you. Leave them alone and put your money elsewhere.

On the other hand, if you are liable to pay tax, either now, or in the future, such policies might be useful. The major companies which administer such policies, such as Lloyd's Life or Royal Life International, usually have several different schemes. One of these is the ten-year qualifying policy. Under such a scheme, you

have to make regular payments over a period of not less than ten years. At the end of this period your investment in the funds is available to you, tax free, even if you are then living in the UK and subject to tax.

But there are snags. First of all, you have to pay regular amounts for ten years, which isn't easy to plan. Many expats cannot be sure that they will be here for that length of time. The other snag is that the investment is not really completely free of tax. I don't want to get too technical, but the truth is that the investments pay taxes internally, that is, within the policy.

Problem

True, if you fulfil the ten year qualifying period, you may then take your proceeds tax free. However, during those ten years, your investments will have been paying company tax and capital gains tax at the normal rates.

Another major problem is the amount that the assurance companies charge for their policies. With a ten-year policy it is quite common for them to charge fees amounting to almost the entire

first year's premiums.

Naturally, they do not advertise this fact and do their best to conceal its very existence in the small print of the contract. To make things worse, this premium is split with the agent who has sold you the policy in the first place. This means that the agent stands to make a good deal of money from your policy, so you are justified in asking yourself whether such a commitment is really in your own interest, or is it just for the agent's benefit?

Of course, it won't be easy to get your agent to admit just how much they are going to make out of the deal.

Another point to be careful about applies to both the ten year qualifying policy and also to the other major type of policy, the single premium assurance scheme. In the latter scheme you just make one large payment, then let the policy mature, usually for twenty years. With both types, you may find that you will suffer greatly if you are forced to cancel the arrangement in the near future.

Take the Royal Life Private

Portfolio Bond for example. This is a single premium type of policy. However, if you find that you have to cancel the policy then the penalties are very stiff indeed. Say you invest £100,000 in such a Bond, but then find that you have to cancel it within the first quarter. You will have to pay a discontinuance charge of no less than £8,000! That is a pretty savage punishment, especially since you are only likely to cancel the bond so quickly if some emergency has occurred that means that you need the money right away.

Charge

The discontinuance charge reduces by 0.4 per cent every quarter until after five years there is no charge at all.

The best advice for these offshore insurance bonds is to read the small print very carefully. Do not listen too closely to your agent since they might be unduly influenced by the size of their commission. Weigh the benefits with the penalties and see if it is really the right thing for your own situation. If in doubt, do something else.

Japanese market 'will continue to rise'

Land of the rising Nikkei-Dow

IN the first quarter of 1988 world equity markets rose by 12 per cent. Take out the Japanese market and the rise is a paltry 5 per cent. Even before the Nikkei-Dow Index of 225 selected stocks reached a series of all-time highs beginning on April 8, Western investors were watching with baffled fascination as the Japanese index shrugged off both the gloom on Wall Street and last year's appreciation of the yen and made its merry way upward, according to Investors Chronicle.

The reasons most often given for the strength of the Japanese market — strong domestic profits growth, rising consumer spending, a sound economy — were not new even a few months ago, and its reasonable to conclude that they have been reflected in equity prices for a good long while.

Liquidity

The liquidity argument isn't specially convincing either. Corporations may indeed retain high levels of liquidity, and some of the money hitherto locked away in private individuals' maru deposit accounts (interest on which first became subject to tax on April 1) may indeed be finding its way into equities. But this too is old hat.

The most likely explanation for the recent rise of the Nikkei-Dow is that old market favourite, change in sentiment. Japanese investors have digested all the good news, watched this market outperform other markets, and decided to start buying again.

Meanwhile, Western fund managers, who have been saying for months that the Japanese

market is overvalued and due for a tumble, have now persuaded themselves that they cannot afford to be out of it. Though their reasons for buying are self-fulfilling, they feel compelled to buy nonetheless.

Investors

But the herd instincts of investors aside, the Japanese market does seem to be a law unto itself. What makes it so different? No one has an entirely satisfactory

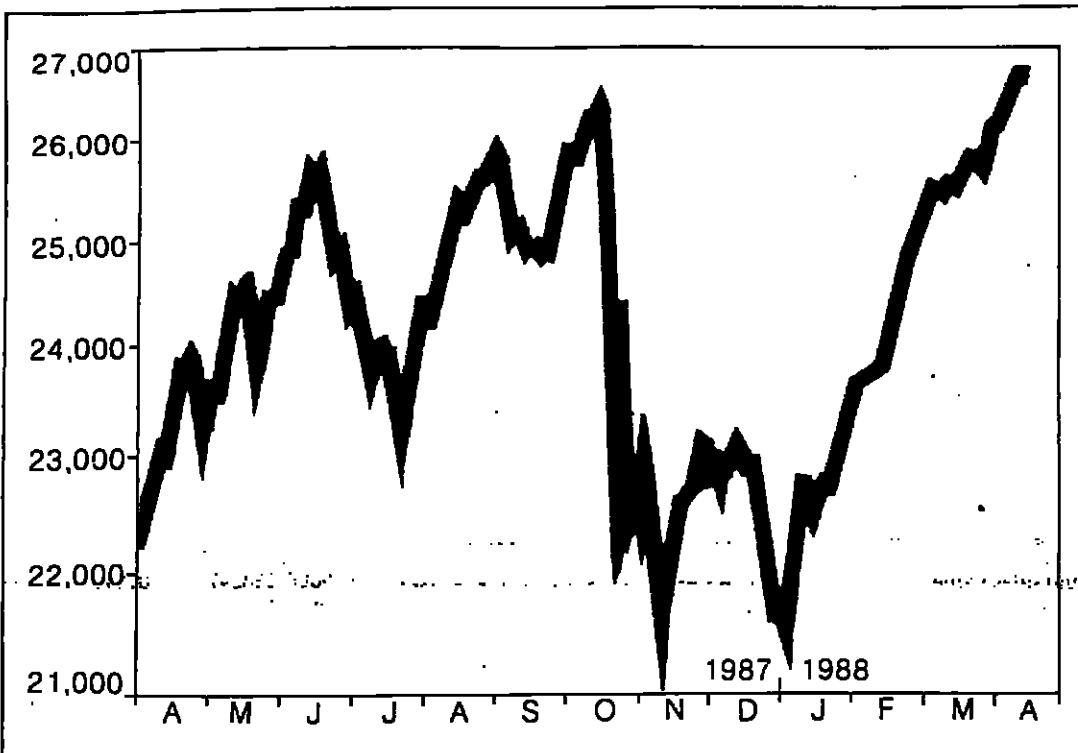
answer to that question, but one point that is made again and again is that Japan is a "domestically led" market.

In other words, the buying and selling of Japanese equities is mainly done by the Japanese with foreign investors accounting for an estimated 3 to 4 per cent of the market.

In the October crash foreigners sold their Japanese holdings but the Japanese, on the whole, did not. The Nikkei-Dow

therefore didn't take the beating that the Dow Jones and Footsie did.

Part of the reason for this restrained behaviour in a crisis is the long-term view taken by most Japanese corporate investors. Analysts here estimate that as much as three-quarters of the market is held by companies whose strategy is based on the assumption that stock once acquired is held on for a good long while.



IDB to expand operations among Islamic countries

KUALA LUMPUR, April 17, (Kuna): The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is seriously considering measures to expand trade among Islamic countries, which in the past has not grown as rapidly as expected.

In its latest annual report, the bank said efforts, whether at the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) or elsewhere, need to be intensified to remove barriers to trade expansion among IDB members.

"Practical measures to promote trade among OIC members and divert trade currently carried out with non-Islamic nations to IDB members need to be considered," the report added.

Some of the constraints that impede trade expansion among IDB members as identified in the report, include lack of trade information and communication among members and insufficient institutional and financial support.

Expansion

To facilitate trade among its members, the IDB has introduced foreign trade financial operations to provide financing to members to purchase essential development inputs from IDB members.

Over the years the operations of this fund have experienced rapid expansion which parallel the rising number of member countries and tradeable commodities.

'Rising interest rates are the biggest threat'

Bad economic news could push US share prices down further

NEW YORK, April 17, (Reuters): Bad economic news that battered US stocks last week is likely to prompt remedial measures that could push share prices down further when markets open tomorrow, analysts and economists warn.

"Rising interest rates are the biggest threat," said Prudential Bache analyst Larry Wachel.

Some also said they expected Japanese investors, once a big part of the US markets, to stay away from US stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average sank a total of 76 points last week to 2,013. It dropped 101 points on Thursday after the US trade deficit ballooned and fell further on Friday after a surprise jump in consumer prices.

Bargain buyers produced an eight-point rise by Friday's close, however.

Rates

Gruntal analyst Alan Ackerman said: "We have to watch out for higher interest rates now. The Federal Reserve may have no choice other than tightening credit policy to try to stop the dollar's free fall and fight inflation."

He added: "That means that interest rates will rise, hurting the consumer and business," forcing both to pay more to borrow and spend.

The effect would be to slow economic expansion and make stocks less attractive, Ackerman said.

It would also turn investors to the US note and bond market for higher yields, taking their money out of stocks.

Six months after the October 19 'Black Monday', when the Dow plunged 508 points and

triggered shocks in markets worldwide, some analysts say a recession could be forced by a falling dollar, swelling inflationary pressure and higher interest rates.

Nervous Wall Street investors were jolted on Thursday by news that February's trade deficit was \$13.83 billion compared to 12.44 billion in January.

Friday's news of a 0.6 per cent jump in producer prices when a 0.2 per cent had been expected led money market traders to suggest the Federal Reserve could increase its discount rate to member banks.

Although an increase is partly symbolic, it can spread quickly to many types of rates, including mortgages, broker loans and bond market yields, they said.

A rise in the prime rate, now 8.5 per cent, is likely next week, some analysts and Wall Street observers said.

The investor's Almanac, published by Barron's magazine, said: "Banks are expected to follow a rise in the US long bond yield almost to nine per cent by raising their prime lending rate this week."

Brokers said a rise would quickly hit both the credit and stock markets. Sanford C. Bernstein's Jerome Hinkle saw "little stock market relief in the basic economic news or on the charts some of our investors follow."

"For the financial markets, the trade gap is a near disaster," said Boston Co economist and stock analyst Allen Sinal.

He said it was likely to propel the dollar down further, prompting more of last week's coordinating central bank buying of dollars to sop up some of the

selling. Sinal also expected the equity markets to drop further. "It is hard to tell how far down the trade report could propel the stock market."

James Kochan, chief fixed income strategist for Merrill Lynch, said: "There is little doubt the bond markets will continue to be concerned with international events."

A Daiwa Securities' official said the dollar may have to fall to 110 yen before stabilising. However, he added: "Daiwa believes the US stock market is closer to its bottom than its top."

Edward Collins, Daiwa executive vice-president in charge of US equities, said: "If the US stock market holds its ground on Monday and Tuesday, it could make a 100- to 150-point gain."

The Japanese bull market may have a lot further to go, he said.

"After the Nikkei index crossed over 27,000 recently the goal now 30,000."

Investors

Last week, Japanese investors played a small part in the US selling, he said, and this week it should be the same.

"The unstable dollar is leading Japanese investors to buy US bonds and Japanese stocks now. Those who dabble in US stocks are in-and-out traders," Collins said.

He said Japanese insurers did not dump the dollar when advantageous accounting changes recently went into effect with the end of the fiscal year because many "were in securities with various maturity dates, easing the effect of any dollar dumping."

China prepares to lift controls on food prices

PEKING, April 17, (Reuters): China is lifting controls on food prices as the only way to solve its farm crisis, give a better deal to peasants and take reform a stage further.

That was the message from state leaders responding to a barrage of complaints from rural delegates attending the annual session of the National People's Congress, China's parliament, which ended last week.

The most explicit statement came from Vice-Premier Yao Yilin who told a press conference China would have to raise the prices the state pays for foodstuffs to encourage farmers to grow more.

Subsidies

Increased subsidies would help compensate for the higher prices passed on to city dwellers, he said.

Rural delegates said repeatedly that current prices, especially for grain, were too low, while costs for fertiliser, pesticide and diesel fuel had soared.

The imbalance had made it less and less profitable to grow grain and other low-price crops, they said.

Yang Jingli, a grain farmer from Anhui province and a parliament delegate, told the Economic Information newspaper on Friday he had raised grain output by one tonne a year since 1979 but his income from grain last year was less than half that in 1984.

Production

In a lengthy editorial last Tuesday, the farmers' daily said farmers had changed since the late 1950s when food production was a patriotic duty and some farmers died of hunger even while guarding grain warehouses during a famine.

"Farmers have become

independent producers and traders and operate as such in the market. This is a fundamental change," it said.

Before 1979, individuals had no incentive to raise output because farmers were organised into collectives, which were given production quotas to fill.

The paper said the only way to motivate farmers was to give them a fair price and stop regarding them as simpletons unable to present their grievances to the government.

A Western diplomat said experience had taught China's leaders that the quickest way to raise output was to increase prices.

"They have learned farmers are very price-sensitive," he said.

But while advocating higher prices, the leaders have promised more subsidies to compensate the country's 200 million town people, already angry over three years of inflation.

China currently buys grain cheap from farmers, sells it for even less in the cities and absorbs the loss. It now wants to raise prices and pay subsidies directly to urban consumers.

Switch

Some cities in the south have already done this. Changsha, for example, lifted price controls on pork, sugar, eggs and vegetables this month. It is paying 10 yuan (1.90) to students as compensation.

Agriculture Minister He Kang calls this a switch from "hidden subsidy" to "open subsidy."

"The hidden subsidy burdened production and encouraged waste and consumption. The open subsidy encourages production and discourages waste," People's Daily quoted him as saying.

World Business Summary

Four major trading partners open talks

QUADRA ISLAND, British Columbia, April 17, (Reuters): Talks between four of the world's major trading partners were held on Saturday under usually tight security on this remote heavily wooded island 100 miles (160 km) northwest of Vancouver.

US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter took up crucial global trading issues with European Economic Community Minister for External Relations Willy De Clercq, the Japanese Minister for International Trade and Industry Hajime Tamura, and Canadian Trade Minister John Crosbie.

The four met in a luxury salmon fishing lodge which had been specially booked by the host country, Canada, to house the 65 trade officials in almost total isolation. A dozen pickets from local labour councils were turned back at a roadblock set up by the Canadian government at the entrance to the lodge.

They were protesting a planned US-Canadian free trade agreement. Traditionally, these periodic four-power trade sessions are open to news coverage with ministers feeling that public support is vital to foster liberalised world trade. However, the Japanese officials asked the meeting be closed because the previous conference in Tokyo had been overwhelmed with media attention and the Canadians obliged. Said a Canadian official: "These quads are very useful. They are small. They are very relaxed. They are very informal. People can speak their mind." The ministers, who are to meet again today, are assessing the progress being made at the Geneva trade modernisation talks held the past 18 months Under General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Yeutter has said he hoped solid progress could be made in many of the most contentious issues in time for a special GATT meeting set for Montreal for next December.

Japan gives aid to new IMF adjustment fund

WASHINGTON, April 17: The government of Japan has agreed to provide the International Monetary Fund (IMF) substantial resources to help fund a programme that provides low-interest loans to poor countries. Japan signed an agreement on April 12 to lead up to \$3,000 million to the Fund's Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility, which was established last December to supplement a similar structural adjustment lending programme established two years before. The Japanese loan, which was provided by that country's Export-Import Bank, brings the total of money available under the enhanced facility to about \$4,000 million. Commitments have been made by other countries to provide an additional \$4,000 million to the new IMF facility, but final details on those commitments have not yet been completed. In addition to the \$3,000 million that will eventually be available under the Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility, the original adjustment programme also has resources of about \$4,000 million.

As of the end of February, the IMF had ongoing structural adjustment lending arrangements providing about \$2,000 million to 22 countries, most of them in sub-Saharan Africa. The programme is intended to assist low-income countries with difficult balance of payments problems by establishing conditions for sustained growth through structural economic reforms. The agreement with Japan was signed at IMF headquarters in Washington, just prior to the opening of the spring meetings of the Fund and the World Bank.

Economist sees US trade protectionism declining

WASHINGTON, April 17: The political push for trade protectionism in the United States is "temporarily in decline" because of a weaker US dollar, says Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Samuelson. Samuelson said a 50 per cent decline in the value of the dollar vis-a-vis the Japanese yen and West German mark over the past three years has made US corporations much more competitive and productive. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor made the comments April 11, on a US Information Agency interview programme, which linked him in Boston with business journalists in Harare, Zimbabwe. "When workers have been called back to work, and even received some overtime, they are less likely to put pressure on their congressmen for protection," he said. The withdrawal of Democratic candidate Richard Gephardt from the US presidential race is further evidence that protectionism is receding, he said. Gephardt's campaign's message favouring retaliation against unfair foreign trade "did not receive a resonant response from the American electorate," Samuelson said. Another Democratic presidential contender, Jesse Jackson argues that US jobs are being exported overseas. Samuelson said high-wage countries frequently lose routine manufacturing jobs: for example, Japan is now losing jobs in its textile, shoe and steel manufacturing sectors to South Korea.

The important fact to remember is that the US service sector has created 33 million jobs in the last 15 years. The United States' comparative advantage in the future, he added, will be in high technology and services.

Hong Kong cool to statement on trade imbalances

HONG KONG, April 17, (AP): The government yesterday dismissed suggestions from finance officials of the seven major industrial powers that Hong Kong was not doing enough to reduce global trade imbalances.

Officials of the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy issued a statement on Wednesday in Washington urging the four "little dragon" export powerhouses of Asia to "accept greater responsibility" in correcting large trade imbalances. The statement urged Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Singapore to make further efforts to reduce trade barriers and to allow their currencies to appreciate more. All four newly industrialised countries had large trade surpluses with the United States last year. In a statement released by the Government Information Services, the British colony said: "Hong Kong in many ways differed from the other Asian newly industrialised nations and clearly, therefore, none of the commitments made could properly be addressed to Hong Kong." The Hong Kong statement said the colony had "the most open trade and payments system in the world," did not have a global surplus in the trading of goods and had a currency that was properly valued. US officials have complained about Hong Kong's policy linking the local currency to the US dollar. Washington wants the exchange rate readjusted so that Hong Kong dollar will appreciate, making American goods less expensive in the colony and Hong Kong goods less competitive in the United States.

Venezuela to boost oil output

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 17, (AP): Petroleos de Venezuela SA plans to increase its daily crude oil production potential to 2,714,000 barrels this year, El Nacional reported yesterday. Its current production potential is 2,602,000 barrels per day. There are 42 gallons to a barrel and 3.8 litres to a gallon. The drilling effort will cost 14.6 billion bolivars (\$1 billion), it said. The 273 new wells will be located almost entirely in recently discovered fields of light and medium weight crudes in Eastern Venezuela. According to PDVSA plans, the production potential of light and medium crudes and condensates will increase to 1,550,000 barrels per day, from 1,440,000 bpd. Its current Opec output quota is 1,570,000 barrels per day. Production potential of heavy crudes will stay just under 1,200,000 barrels per day.

UK retail prices surge

Ministers reaffirm commitment to stable exchange rates

PAST week's data releases were bad news all round for the dollar. Along with the better than expected unemployment figures, retail sales rose strongly above all expectations suggesting that any idea of a recession this year has been dissipated and a moderate to bright out-turn of 2-2.5 per cent is forecast. This re-sparked inflationary fears.

However, the bolt that hit the market was the trade number which was considerably higher than the market's expectations. The trade report served only to illustrate the position we have long argued, that a sustained improvement to the trade deficit is a long way off and under such conditions the dollar has limited upside potential and significant downside risks. The numbers hit global equity markets and with inflation fears affecting the pound, investors moved quickly into the shorter end of the market.

The dollar ended the week at 123 yen and DM1.66.

Housing completions fell 7.0 per cent in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.425m units. This compares with a revised 5.7 per cent decline in January to 1.322m units.

February's completions were down 18.3 per cent from a level of 1.745m a year earlier. The market was expecting a smaller fall of 5.2 per cent.

Retail sales rose 0.8 per cent in March following a 0.6 per cent increase in February and a 0.1 per cent rise in January. Overall the first quarter was up 1.7 per cent compared with the fourth quarter suggesting that the economy is recovering from October's stock market crash. This figure was well above market expectations of 0.1 per cent.

Merchandise trade deficit rose to \$13.83 bn in February from \$12.44 bn in January. This figure was much higher than the \$11.5bn deficit the market had been anticipating and was the highest trade deficit since October's record \$17.63 bn.

Lower Merchandise exports increased by 5.5 per cent in February to \$23.56bn which was marginally higher than the market forecast and compares with a January figure of \$22.3bn.

Merchandise imports also rose to \$37.39 bn in February (i.e. a 7.5 per cent increase). The market had been expecting a con-

siderably lower figure of \$34.8bn.

Business inventories were up 0.1 per cent in February. Inventories rose \$825m (0.1 per cent) compared to a revised \$5.17bn (0.7 per cent) in January and now stand at a seasonally adjusted \$715.85 bn. The market was anticipating a slightly higher increase of 0.5 per cent.

US PPI rose a seasonally adjusted 0.6 per cent in March after falling 0.2 per cent in February.

US industrial production increased 0.1 per cent in March after remaining unchanged in February and up 0.3 per cent in January.

Tested

As widely anticipated the G7 meeting of finance ministers provided a statement of commitment to stable exchange rates.

However, this has done little to allay fears given the reality of trade and economic data. Significant central bank intervention which was evident last week (with all the majors plus the Dutch, the Swiss, the Italians and others), will probably have to continue for the coming week given the markets heavy bear sentiment.

Trading ranges for the coming week may see 120 yen and DM1.60 possibly being tested. Ranges — 120-125 yen and DM1.60-1.65.

Data releases for the coming week should provide a further indication of the economy's momentum. If, as expected, the numbers come in reasonably strong this will add to the market's nervousness of inflationary pressures.

Long-term bond rates will react accordingly higher. Fed funds rate is likely to also stiffen further but to a point unlikely to spark a discount rate movement although US bank prime rates could be altered upwards.

Traditionally sterling suffers with a run on the dollar. However, under the current financial environment this trend has reversed. Despite another base rate reduction, the continuing favourable interest rate differential together with the UK perceived by outside investors as providing strong economic growth, sterling is now considered as a favourable alternative to the dollar.

The initial slight weakening of the pound at the start of the week was quickly reversed with ster-

ling finishing at DM3.13.

Output prices rose as expected provisional non-seasonally adjusted 0.5 per cent in March following a downward revised 0.4 per cent increase in February giving a year-on-year gain of 4.1 per cent. This was the highest monthly figure since February 1987.

Input prices fell a seasonally adjusted 0.7 per cent in March following a downward revised fall of 0.5 per cent in February. The market was anticipating a greater fall of 2 per cent.

Unemployment fell in March by a provisional seasonally adjusted 27,800 or 9 per cent of the workforce to 2.50 mn. This was greater than the 20,000 fall forecast by the market and compares with the revised February seasonally adjusted decline of 32,100 to 2.53 mn or 9.1 per cent.

Average earnings were up an underlying annual, seasonally adjusted 8.5 per cent in February which was the same as January's increase and slightly below the forecast of 8.75 per cent.

Retail prices rose 0.4 per cent in March giving an annual rate of increase of 3.5 per cent.

Provided by NBS weekly market review.

Beijing wants to boost exports

China pushes Western firms into barter deals

BEIJING, April 17, (Reuters): China wants to boost exports and save badly needed foreign currency, so it is pressing reluctant Western firms to enter into barter deals.

"It is probably best described as 'you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours,'" said Jack Udey of McDonnell Douglas, the big US aerospace company.

"But I've even heard it referred to more unkindly as industrial blackmail," he said in Hong Kong.

China is joining a growing number of countries forcing reluctant foreign companies to buy anything from hammers to hamp and handicrafts if they want to sell their goods.

Technology

Foreign concerns dislike barter, or countertrade, which is much more complicated and time-consuming than straight-forward sales, but many have to accept it as the price of doing business.

It is increasing in China's eagerness to import technology to help modernise its backward economy, but short of foreign currency to pay for it.

"Just about every project we handle involves some form of counterpurchase or barter," said an executive with a major US firm in Beijing who asked not to be named.

Foreign businessmen in the Chinese capital said they could not tell how much had actually been exported under countertrade agreements but there were substantial commitments to help China sell its goods overseas.

"There is at least \$2 to 3 billion worth of commitments for some form of countertrade," said Martin Weil, representative in Beijing of the national council for US-China trade.

McDonnell Douglas has agreed to help export \$200 million worth of Chinese goods as part of its sale of 30 MD80 passenger jets to China.

Difficult

General Electric of the United States said it has commitments to help export 360 million worth of Chinese goods tied to its sales.

They are estimated by the American Chamber of Commerce that as many as 120 countries impose some form of countertrade requirements and half of

all East-West trade is tied to it.

Deals vary considerably and include true barter, where no money changes hands compensation, the buying back of finished products that use imports technology counterpurchase, arranging for exports of usually unrelated goods, and co-production, or manufacturing a portion of the product by the importer to offset import costs.

"Barter is considerably more difficult than a commercial transaction," said Ervin Szusky, Commercial Counsellor at the Hungarian embassy in Beijing and a specialist in this type of trade.

He said agreements on barter, used most frequently among Communist nations short of hard currency, required long periods of negotiation.

Another East European trade official said the most time-consuming part of the trade was agreeing on a fair value for bartered goods.

"Money was invented to get round this. Why can't we use it?" he said.

Businessmen say counterpurchases are the type used most frequently in China and they

produce the biggest headaches.

They say that companies in high-technology areas, such as aviation, are forced to find markets for consumer products such as shoes or handicrafts that they have little experience selling.

Operations

Some companies have set up their own countertrade operations while others use outside specialists. Either way, it adds to the cost of doing business.

China often restricts products that apply to countertrade agreements, excluding the most marketable ones, and sometimes credits foreign companies with only a portion of the value of goods they help export.

For example, McDonnell Douglas officials said they received full credit towards their countertrade commitment for every dollar's worth of Chinese-made aircraft components they help export. However, exports of other goods were calculated at only 50 to 75 per cent of the actual sales value.

Competing ministries often want foreign companies to buy only from them, further limiting the products available.

Saudi riyal deposits show softer tone

BAHRAIN, April 17, (Reuters): Saudi riyal interbank deposits displayed a softer tone in a very quiet market marking the first day of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, normally a period of slower business.

Dealers said some short-term maturities eased in response to lack of demand and ample liquidity. They had edged up during the few days preceding Ramadan as banks covered positions to ward off possible shortages.

Bonuses

During the month — when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk — many companies give their employees bonuses, often equal to half a month's salary.

Spot-next and one-week funds declined to 6-7/8, 5/8 per cent from 7-1/4, 6-3/4 on Saturday. One-week dealt at 6-3/4 per cent.

One-month deposits eased 1/16 point on the offer side to 6-13/16, 11/16 per cent with trade reported at 6-3/4 per cent.

Three-months declined 1/16 point to 6-15/16, 3/4 per cent while six-months was unchanged at 7-5/16, 1/8 per cent.

The spot riyal was also steady at 3.7502/05 to the dollar.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	0.870	---	---	---	---	---
GULF BANK	0.325	0.325	0.325	0.325	70000	5
COMMERCIAL BK	0.238	---	---	---	---	---
ABLI BANK	0.275	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.M.E.	0.295	---	---	---	---	---
K.R.E.B.	0.370	---	---	---	---	---
BURGAM BANK	0.234	0.234	0.234	0.234	20000	1
K.F. HOUSE	0.410	0.405	0.405	0.405	10000	1
INVESTMENT SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
KUT INV. CO.	0.168	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.T.C.	0.192	---	---	---	---	---
COM-FACILITIES	0.380	---	---	---	---	---
AMLIAN INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.098	---	---	---	---	---
INV. PEARL KUT	0.102	---	---	---	---	---
INSURANCE SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
KUT INSURANCE	0.690	---	---	---	---	---
KUT INSURANCE	0.370	---	---	---	---	---
AMLIAN INS. CO.	0.510	---	---	---	---	---
WARBA INS. CO.	0.415	---	---	---	---	---
REAL ESTATE SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.240	---	---	---	---	---
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.116	0.118	0.118	0.116	340000	9
NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.224	---	---	---	---	---
SALHIAH R.E.	0.075	---	---	---	---	---
KUT PROJECTS	0.086	---	---	---	---	---
KUT R.E.I. CON	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
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KUT M.P. IND.	0.295	---	---	---	---	---
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.238	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.385	---	---	---	---	---
N.A.M.T. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	0.970	---	---	---	---	---
K.P.M. IND. CO.	0.110	0.106	0.106	0.106	20000	1
CONT. MARINE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
K.S.H. REF. CO.	0.042	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
OVERLAND TRANS	0.081	---	---	---	---	---
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.174	---	---	---	---	---
P. WAREHOUSING	0.136	---	---	---	---	---
CON.WKT. CMPT.	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020	800000	6
MOBILE TELE.	0.355	---	---	---	---	---
KUT COMPUTER	0.192	0.190	0.190	0.190	120000	3
FOOD SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.240	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT FISHRIES	0.146	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT POULTRY	0.238	---	---	---	---	---
KUT FOODS	0.285	---	---	---	---	---
AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KUT SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
BNN-INTER.BK	0.067	0.066	0.066	0.066	57848	1
BNN-INT.BK	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.078	---	---	---	---	---
A.G. INV. CORP	0.039	---	---	---	---	---
FIRST GULF BK	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.I.G.	0.085	---	---	---	---	---

KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE

COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
FINANCIAL SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
PEARL INV. CO.	0.098	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INV. CO.	0.041	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INTL INS.	0.009	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INTL CO.	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
SHARJAH INS.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF UNION INS.	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.016	---	---	---	---	---
C.R.K. WHITE CMT	0.023	---	---	---	---	---
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
F-FUJAIH CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
K-FULF CEMENT	0.015	---	---	---	---	---
H-UMM QATAYN	0.019	---	---	---	---	---

US firms in South Africa caught in anti-American mood

JOHANNESBURG, April 17, (Reuters): About 160 US companies under pressure from anti-apartheid campaigners to leave South Africa are being made to feel even more uncomfortable by mounting anti-American sentiment in their foreign base.

Fed by Washington lawmakers' calls for stiffer anti-apartheid sanctions and by a steady stream of anti-US rhetoric from the South African government, references to "the ugly Americans" are now commonplace in business circles.

"There is an unfortunate, hostile attitude to American firms and individuals at the moment that is being spurred on by government rhetoric," Adrian Botha, director of the American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa, told Reuters.

Reality

"But that's the reality," he said. "This reflects moves in the US to stop companies like IBM from maintaining any business links with South Africa."

More than 140 US companies have joined the exodus of foreign corporations from South Africa over the past two years. They include most of the big-name multinationals like IBM, General Motors, Coca-Cola and Eastman Kodak.

Sanctions have also damaged American trade with South Africa, allowing Japan to supplant the United States as Pretoria's biggest trading partner in 1986.

"I have a pretty low opinion of Americans since the onset of sanctions," one senior official at a big South African bank said. "They seem to be interested only in themselves and don't give a damn about the rest of us. Self interest seems to be the top American priority."

Despite corporate resistance, the focus of American policy appears to be a broadening of sanctions and a determination to compel all remaining US companies here to disinvest.

A new bill likely to be introduced before the House of Representatives seeks to force all US oil companies out of South Africa.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 16/4/88

B No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel.
6	Zarka	Gh & Q	4747815
8	Shaan	ISA	2441860
9	Tug Amsterdam	G Star	4845501
10	B. Jubail	G Star	4845501
14	Pegasus	Gh & Q	4747815

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

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17/4	Barge Wimbrown	Sager Shaheen	2432692
17/4	Tug Gulf Venture	Sager Shaheen	2432692
17/4	Carmen Capina	M Bahar	2433881
18/4	Rashedah	G. Qutub	4747815
18/4	Tadeusz Ocioszynski	A. Seas	2421303
18/4	Chios Dignity	Al Bader	2433537

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT

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6	Ionian Express	Gh Barber	4842988
12	Wave Crest	RSMS	2423642


SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

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15/4	Addirya	UASC	4843150
15/4	Haewoo No. 2	Gh Qib	4747815
16/4	Al Wajba	UASC	4843150
18/4	Providence Bay	KMMC	2419814
18/4	Abu Basma	RSMS	2423642
19/4	Tokyo Bridge	United	2422026
20/4	Poro Ville Du Havre	Rashed	2422026
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Pakistan Rupees			15.50
Sri Lankan Rupees			8.75
Philippine Pesos			13.02
US dollars			274.22
Sterling Pounds			114.01
Other Middle East Market	Bed	USD	13.80
The Islamic Fund	Bed	USD	13.40
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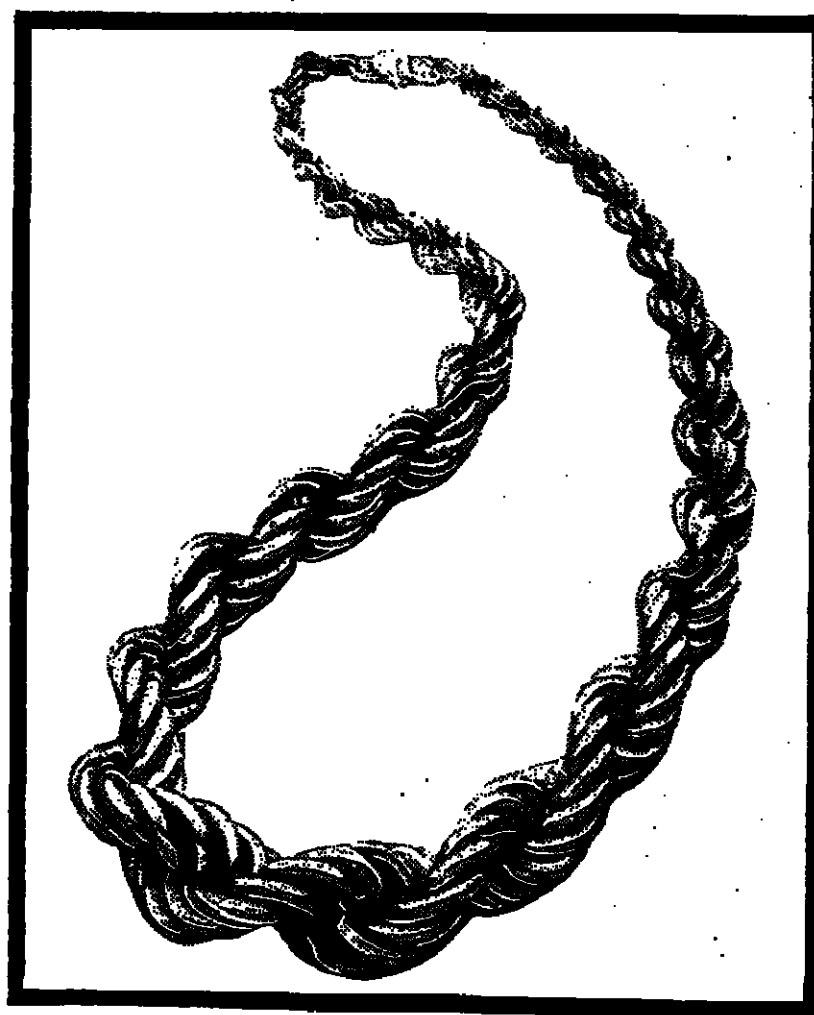
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Baltimore suffer 11th straight defeat

NEW YORK, April 17, (AP)—Willie Upshaw singled home Cory Snyder from second base with two outs in the 11th inning as the Cleveland Indians beat Baltimore 1-0 yesterday, sending the winless Orioles to their 11th straight defeat.

The Orioles are two losses away from tying the Major League record for most losses at the start of the season. The Washington Senators lost 13 straight in 1904 and Detroit dropped its first 13 in 1920.

The victory improved the Indians to 10-2 and moved them into first place in the American League East, one-half game ahead of New York.

Swindell, 3-0, pitched 10-plus innings for the Indians allowing seven hits.

Bill Ripken opened the bottom of the 11th with a single and Doug Jones came on. He got Jim Traher to hit into a force play but Eddie Murray doubled to put runners on second and third.

Cal Ripken then hit a soft liner back to Jones to extend his slump to 0-for-25. The Indians walked Larry Sheets intentionally to load the bases and Jones struck out pinch-hitter Terry Kennedy to preserve his second save.

"This is one of those things that happen to good ballclubs," a diplomatic Swindell said of the Orioles' losses.

Tigers 4, Royals 2
Doyle Alexander allowed six hits in 8 1/3 innings and Alan Trammell homered as Detroit beat Kansas City 4-2, snapping the Royals' four-game winning streak.

Rangers 2, Red Sox 0
Left-hander Paul Kilgus allowed three hits in 8 2/3 innings and Larry Parrish hit a home run as Texas beat Boston 2-0.

Kilgus, who had a 2-7 record after joining the Rangers as a rookie last June 6, struck out two and walked three in beating Boston rookie Steve Elsworth, 0-1.

Twins 3, Blue Jays 2
Gary Gattis hit a solo home run leading off the eighth inning to snap a tie as Minnesota defeated Toronto 3-2.

Gattis, who scored the tying run in the sixth, hit his second homer of the season off reliever David Wells, 1-1.

Juan Berenguer, 1-2, got the victory with 1 2/3 innings of two-hit relief and Jeff Reardon finished for his fourth save.

Brewers 9, Yankees 2
Greg Brock and Robin Yount homered and Chris Bosio held the New York Yankees to four hits in seven innings as Milwaukee ended a seven-game losing streak with a 9-2 victory.

The Brewers' victory, their first since April 6, ended New York's four-game winning streak and sent the Yankees to only their second loss in 11 games.

White Sox 5, Athletics 1
Melido Perez allowed three hits in seven innings and Ken Williams drove in two runs with a misplayed triple in the second inning as Chicago beat Oakland 5-1.

Mets 6, Cardinals 4
Gary Carter and Howard Johnson hit consecutive home runs off St. Louis relief ace Todd Worrell during a three-run rally in the eighth inning that carried the New York Mets to a 6-4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Worrell has 69 saves in the past two seasons and saved the Cardinals' only three victories this year, but he is now 2-4 with a 6.00 era in his career against New York.

Reds 8, Astros 2
Eric Davis' tiebreaking double highlighted a five-run eighth inning that lifted the Cincinnati Reds to an 8-2 victory over the Houston Astros.

Pirates 4, Cubs 0
R.J. Reynolds' three-run homer capped a four-run third inning and Doug Drabek shut out the Chicago Cubs on five hits, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-0 victory.

It was the fifth triumph in the last six games for the Pirates.

Expos 2, Phillies 1
Graig Nettles tied the score in the eighth inning with a pinch homer in his first at-bat as an Expo, and Tom Foley's run-scoring single with two outs in the bottom of the 10th gave Montreal a 2-1 victory over Philadelphia, sending the Phillies to their sixth straight defeat.

Padres 2, Giants 1
John Kruk hit a pinch homer leading off the bottom of the ninth inning to give San Diego a 1 victory over San Francisco.

Results
National League
St. Louis 4, Chicago 0
Cincinnati 2, Philadelphia 1
New York 6, St. Louis 2
Cincinnati 8, Houston 4
Los Angeles 7, Atlanta 4
San Diego 1, San Francisco 0

American League
Texas 3, Boston 0
Milwaukee 9, New York 2
Cleveland 1, Baltimore 0
Seattle 7, California 6
Chicago 5, Oakland 2
Detroit 4, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 3, Toronto 2

NAVRAILOVA BRUSHES ASIDE KOHDE-KILSCH

Sabatini upsets Graf to reach Florida final

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida, April 17, (UPI)—Third seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina upset top-seeded Steffi Graf of West Germany 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, yesterday to advance to the finals of the \$300,000 Florida Clay court tennis championship.

Sabatini, 17, was to meet No. 2 seed Martina Navratilova this evening, who took 59 minutes to defeat fourth-seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany, 6-3, 6-2, in their semifinal match.

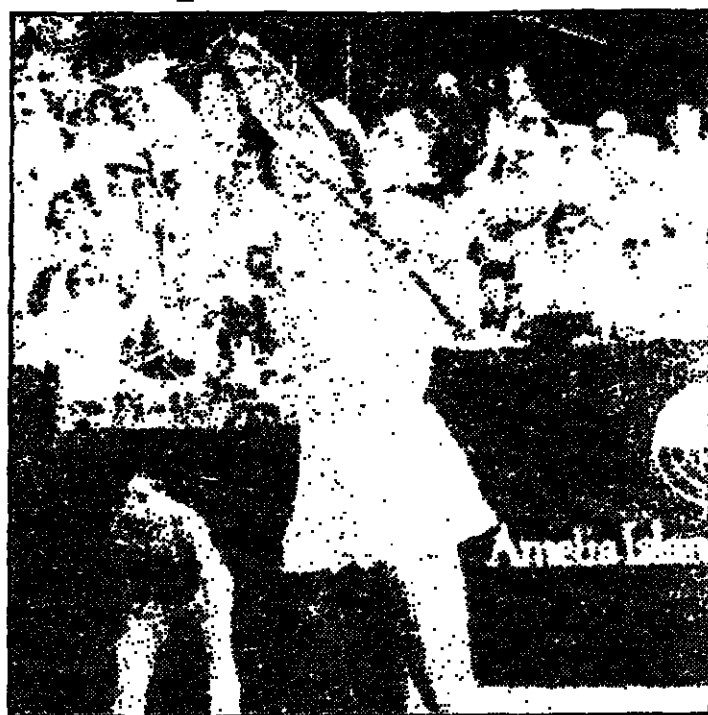
Navratilova, who is ranked No. 2 in the world, defeated Sabatini last week in three sets in Hilton Head, South Carolina. She has won eight of their 10 matches since 1986.

Attack

"I think my best matches are with Martina," said Sabatini, who is ranked No. 5 in the world. "She'll play the net. I have to work on my passing shots. It will be a different day. I have to concentrate and keep fighting all the time."

"If she plays better tomorrow than today, I'm in trouble," Navratilova said. "I'll have to attack Gaby, stay close to the ball. Hit the ball on the rise and keep her moving. I'm excited to play her again."

Sabatini, who spends part of the year in Key Biscayne,



Sabatini leaps with joy after beating Graf. (Reuter radiophoto)

Florida, dominated the first set of her semifinal match, breaking Graf's serve twice to take a 5-2 lead. Graf held serve to make it 5-3, but Sabatini held her serve comfortably to win the first set.

Sabatini showed signs of weakness in the second set as she came into the net to hit cross-court shots. Both players managed to hold their serves to 3-3 until Sabatini broke Graf's serve to make it 4-3. But she then lost her serve twice to Graf to lose the



Navratilova keeps her eye on the ball as she hits a low shot. (Reuter wirephoto)

set. The Argentine fought off fatigue when she was down 3-0 in the third set, and used dramatic shots, including one between her legs, to win the next four games in a row and get back into the match.

"She always plays very well, to beat her you have to be in good shape," Sabatini said after the 2-hour and 28-minute match. "I got a little tired in the second set, I was down 3-0 but I tried to con-

centrate more and come into the net. I think she made a lot of mistakes."

She said the spectator support improved her play.

"I love the people, they say nice things to me and help me play better," Sabatini said. "The crowd got pretty excited, I had a chance to win it in two sets but she was playing very well."

Graf, 18, who has lost to Sabatini twice this year, said she needs more work.

"I don't feel very happy with the way I played today," she said. "I just didn't play the right points. I need to work on my serve. I had too many errors."

"She played better than we played last time, a lot more high ball with top-spin," Graf said of Sabatini.

Errors

Navratilova defeated Kohde-Kilsch with strong serves and crisp passing shots from the net.

"Martina played very well, she knows how to play me. She approached well, there was nothing much for me to do," said Kohde-Kilsch, 24, who made few errors during the match.

"I felt like I could run all day out there," said Navratilova, a resident of Fort Worth, Texas. "I'm happy with my rallies, it would've been a close match on grass. I just feel better on clay."

McEnroe routs Edberg for crown



McEnroe: successful comeback

TOKYO, April 17, (Reuter)—John McEnroe trounced top-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden in straight sets today in his first tournament victory since 1986, winning by a sensational 6-2 6-2 margin.

McEnroe served powerfully, returned deftly and was on his best behaviour throughout the final of the \$617,500 Japan Grand Prix tennis tournament.

It was a stunning comeback for 29-year-old McEnroe, absent from tournament tennis since a 60-day suspension for arguing with an umpire during last September's US Open.

The American kept control over the entire match breaking his third-ranked foe's service four times.

McEnroe, a three-time winner at Wimbledon but currently ranked 25th in the world, expressed surprised delight at his win.

"I didn't think my chances were very good," he said. "I thought it was probable that I wouldn't."

It was his first win since a tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona, in October, 1986.

"I thought I was able to get on top of Edberg emotionally," he told reporters.

He broke Edberg's service

game in the fourth and eighth games of the first set, and again in the sixth and eighth games of the second set.

"Everything went my way. It wasn't one of his best days," said McEnroe, who took home \$122,250 for his efforts.

Edberg, who won \$61,125 for losing, denied being psychologically overawed by his opponent and said a pulled stomach muscle had hurt his serve.

"I could hardly serve or anything. I could hardly hit the ball," he said.

Speaking of McEnroe's comeback bid, the defeated 22-year-old said: "It's good for tennis if he comes back."

Edberg, who has won in the past two Tokyo tournaments, commented: "You can't win all the time."

McEnroe continues his climb back to the top by playing Forest Hills in May. He said he also planned to take on the French Open in late May and Wimbledon in June.

He said he no longer wished to risk suspension by throwing tantrums on the court as it would hinder his comeback chances.

"I'm trying to make it as easy as possible," he said.

Benfica warm up for European Cup

LISBON, April 17, (Reuter)—Benfica warmed up for their European Cup semifinal match against Steaua Bucharest next week with a 5-1 home win over lowly Espinho in the Portuguese First Division yesterday.

Strikers Rui Aguas and Swedish international Mats Magnusson sat out the match due to injury but are expected to recover by next week.

Magnusson was hurt during the first semifinal leg in Bucharest 10 days ago, which

ended in a goalless draw and put the Lisbon team in a good position to reach their sixth European Cup final.

Benfica have 45 points and trail League leaders Porto by six points with only eight games remaining, so are unlikely to retain their title.

Friendly
Porto, led by Jaime Magalhães with two goals, beat Elvas 4-0 last Wednesday in a match brought forward to allow them to play Uruguay's Penarol in a

friendly in the United States on Sunday.

Brazilian Chiquinho opened the scoring early for Benfica with a header off a pass by Pacheco. Moller followed with a goal from a Diamantino free kick in the 35th minute.

Espinho, who had a man sent off for rough play in the 40th minute, scored a goal just before the interval.

Mozzer, Portela and Wando added goals for Benfica in the last five minutes.

Real hold Celta to draw

MARID, April 17, (Reuter)—Coach Leo Benhakker fielded only three regular Real Madrid players yesterday, saving his top squad for their midweek European Cup semifinal, but they still held fifth-placed Celta to a goalless draw.

Yugoslav Milan Jankovic, Ricardo Gallego and Jose Antonio Camacho were the only regulars as Real consolidated their runaway lead at the top of the Spanish First Division to nine points. The other teams play this evening.

Injuries
Home team Celta were insulted by Benhakker's decision to rest so many of his team and prevent injuries for what will be their most demanding match of the season. But they failed to capitalise on a chance for two valuable points in their fight for a place in Europe next season.

They rarely created opportunities. Luis Mosquera missed their best chance when he headed wide four minutes from time.

Pistons crush Nets

PONTIAC, Michigan, April 17, (AP)—Isiah Thomas scored 20 points as the Detroit Pistons beat New Jersey 114-96 last night and clinched their first National Basketball Association division championship since moving to Detroit in 1957.

The victory, coupled with Atlanta's 95-93 loss to New York, gave the Pistons a four-game lead over the Hawks in the Central Division. Atlanta could still tie Detroit, but the Pistons won the season series against the Hawks.

New Jersey saw its losing streak extended to 13 games. Detroit connected on 76 per cent of its shots during the second quarter to take a 66-51 lead at halftime.

The Nets closed the gap to 76-69 with 5:10 left in the third quarter on two free throws by Buck Williams, but the Pistons increased their lead to 88-75 at the end of the period and cruised the rest of the way.

Knicks 95, Hawks 93
Mark Jackson drove the middle for a short jumper with three seconds remaining, lifting New York to a 95-93 victory over the Atlanta Hawks and bolstering the Knicks' NBA playoff hopes.

The victory moved the Knicks a half-game ahead of the idle Washington Bullets for seventh-best record in the Eastern Conference. The top eight teams in the conference make the playoffs.

A dunk by Glenn Rivers gave the Hawks a 93-89 edge, but the Knicks tied it with 53 seconds left when Bill Cartwright hit a pair of free throws.

Three timeouts followed Jackson's go-ahead shot. Atlanta then missed a chance to tie the game when Wilkins missed a jump shot as time expired.

Results
New York 95, Atlanta 93
Detroit 114, New Jersey 96
Indiana 126, Philadelphia 92
Utah 107, San Antonio 82
Phoenix 121, Seattle 119
Golden State 113, LA Clippers 110

Davis scrapes through

SHEFFIELD, England, April 17, (Reuter)—Tideholder Steve Davis of England scraped into the second round of the World Snooker Championship after withstanding a brave fightback by compatriot John Virgo at the Crucible Theatre last night.

Davis eventually won the best-of-19 frame contest 10-8 after Virgo battled from the brink of elimination at 9-5 to get within one frame at 9-8 on the opening day of the 17-day tournament.

But Davis, four times the champion and bidding to reach his successive final, ended Virgo's run by taking the 18th frame 80-12.

Second-seeded Jimmy White of England blasted John Campbell of Australia 10-3 to set up a possible second round contest against Scottish teenager Stephen Hendry.

White was as quick at his press conference later as he was in his play. "I'm looking forward to playing Stephen Hendry in the next round and Steve Davis in the final. Then it's the money and the trophy," he quipped.

Hendry began his bid to become the youngest ever champion by building a 6-3 lead over English 15th seed Dean Reynolds in a contest which will finish this evening.

Eder loaned to Porto
RIO DE JANEIRO, April 17, (Reuter)—Winger Eder, a veteran of Brazil's brilliant 1982 World Cup soccer team, has been transferred on loan to Cerro Porteno of Paraguay by Rio's Botafogo club official yesterday.

The 30-year-old left wing, who scored two goals at the 1982 World Cup in Spain, will sign an eight-month, \$50,000 contract.

Tired
In 1983, Eder's former club Atletico Mineiro turned down a five-million-dollar offer from an Arab club. A year later he was sold to Palmeiras for just \$150,000 after club officials became tired of his lack of discipline.

After leaving Atletico Mineiro, Eder wandered through several Brazilian teams, from north to south. His talent was always recognised, but his behaviour on and off the field often brought him trouble.



Penarol's Jorge Daniel Cabrera of Uruguay kicks the ball while F.C. Porto's Jaime Magalhães of Portugal watches.

Starling retains WBA title

LAS VEGAS, April 17, (Reuter)—Marion Starling built up an early lead but had to hold off fellow American Mark Breland to retain his World Boxing Association welterweight championship with a 12-round draw last night.

Starling, who stopped Breland in the 11th round last August to win the title, as well as ahead on all three judges' cards halfway through the bout, before Breland staged a comeback that fell just short.

Jerry Roth scored the bout 116-113 in favour of Starling while Dave Moretti gave the edge to Breland 115-114. Elias Quintana called the fight even 114-114.

Breland, who concluded an outstanding amateur career with a gold medal in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, won four of the last five rounds on two of judges' cards to learn the draw.

Starling, 29, picked up where he left off eight months ago as he hurt Breland in the first two rounds. He nailed Breland with a left hook midway through the first round that dazed the 24-year-old Challenger.

Starling buckled Breland's legs with a solid right hand in the second round but was unable to knock him down.

Trailing, Breland began to use his height and reach advantage in the middle rounds, to climb back into the fight.

Clowning
Breland peppered Starling's face with jabs that did not appear to do much damage, but scored points.

Breland, whose record is 20-1-1, was unimpressed and looked exhausted but he was the aggressor over the final rounds as Starling, apparently believing he was well ahead on points, began clowning.

He would hide behind his gloves, pretend to be hurt, then shake his head and laugh at the challenger. But he threw very few punches in the late rounds.

His failure to take Breland's late challenge seriously very nearly cost Starling his title. His record is now 43-4-1.

Starling was clearly surprised by the draw.

"I think Mark maybe won out of 12 rounds maybe three rounds. I am happy to have my title. I think I won the fight unimposed," he said.

His late round antics did not sit well with the fans or the judges but the champion denied that he was clowning.

"I'm not into clowning. People get killed in the ring. I outboxed him. I was more aggressive," he said. "I think he was a good amateur. I think Mark Breland should go make movies."

Despite his shaky start, Breland said he thought he had pulled out the fight.

"I felt in the early rounds I was stale. I felt very weak. I don't know why. I was up for the fight. I just felt weak," he said but added rather unconvincingly, "I thought I won."

Chavez stops Aguilar in sixth round

LAS VEGAS, April 17, (Reuter)—Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico stopped Panama's Rodolfo Aguilar with a right cross to the head at one minute 13 seconds of the sixth round to retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight title yesterday.

Chavez, who increased his record to 57-0 with 48 wins inside the distance, set up Aguilar with a right uppercut to the head before delivering the final crushing blow, which sent the challenger staggering backward before he crumpled to the canvas.

Chavez, 25, dominated the scheduled 12-round fight as he battered Aguilar, the WBA's number one contender, with right jabs in the opening rounds.

Chavez landed his first big blow in the first round, flooring the Panamanian challenger with a right. Aguilar, apparently unhurt, rose to his feet early in the court as the bell sounded to end the round.

Battered

In the second round, with Aguilar bleeding from the nose, Chavez continued his relentless attack and battered Aguilar against the ropes.

Aguilar, whose record dropped to 20-2, had his best round when he scored with light punches in the third, but Chavez picked up the attack in the next round, working his way inside and scoring with blows to the body.

The champion hurt Aguilar again in the fifth round, but was not able to pummel away until the sixth.

One minute into the sixth round Chavez caught Aguilar with an uppercut and then followed it up with the crushing right cross that sent the challenger down and referee Richard Steele signalled that the fight was over.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Auto race

TOKYO, April 17, (AP): Japan's Aguri Suzuki, starting from the pole position, took the lead from the beginning and won the international Formula F3000 auto race today in the second leg of the eight-race championship series.

Committee quits

AS KTMSD goes into its summer break, the club is once again in disarray. The organising committee has resigned, in a move which possibly threatens the future of rallies in Kuwait. Discussions aimed at easing the situation are taking place.

Cycling race

TOKYO, April 17, (AP): Rolf Aldag of West Germany won the men's 140-kilometre Lake Biwa International Cycling Race today, while Bernd Grady of the United States captured the 52.5-kilometre women's event.

Grand Prix

LONG BEACH, California, April 17, (AP): Danny Sullivan knocked Mario Andretti off the pole for today's Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, possibly signalling the end of Andretti's domination of the seaside road circuit.

Horsid triumphs

KHARTOUM, April 17, (Reuter): Somalia's Horsid went through to the second round of the African Cup-Winners' Cup on the away-goal rule, holding Al Mawrada of Sudan to a 1-1 draw (halftime 0-0) in a controversial second-leg tie. The two sides drew 0-0 in the first-leg tie two weeks ago in Mogadishu.

Rio tennis

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 17, (Reuter): Argentina's Javier Frana knocked out top seed Kelly Evernden of New Zealand 5-7 6-3 6-1 yesterday to reach today's final of the Rio de Janeiro Men's Tennis Open against Brazilian Cassio Motta.

Soviet coach

MOSCOW, April 17, (Reuter): Soviet national soccer coach Valery Lobanovsky has been allowed to leave hospital but is continuing treatment at home for a heart condition, the newspaper Sovetsky Sport said today.

S. Korean Open

SEOUL, April 17, (Reuter): Frankie Moroz of the Philippines ended his two-year victory famine on the Asian golf circuit by taking the South Korean Open title today.

Marathon relay

BEIJING, April 17, (AP): Chinese men's and women's teams defeated their Japanese opponents today in the third annual Chinese-Japanese Great Wall Marathon relay race.

Dickson wins

ROVINJ, Yugoslavia, April 17, (Reuter): New Zealand's Chris Dickson won the \$20,000 first prize in a three-day yachting event which ended yesterday and brought together old rivals from the America's Cup. Dickson, one of five America's Cup skippers here, won all nine races to earn overall victory ahead of Britain's Harold Cudmore and Australian Peter Gilmour.

Greenham Stakes

NEWBURY, England, April 17, (Reuter): Zephie, a 9-2 chance, made his superb fitness tell when he won the Greenham Stakes yesterday to earn a possible tilt at the French 2,000 guineas next month. Pat Eddery needed all his strength to get his mount, the only horse in the race to have had an outing this season, home by a fast diminishing half-length from Intimidate (15-2) with early leader Gallic League (9-1) in third.

Swedish skier

TARNABY, Sweden, April 17, (UPI): Lars-Björje Eriksson, super-giant slalom bronze medalist at the Calgary Olympics, was named Swedish Alpine skier of the 1987-88 season. Eriksson recently signed a four-year contract with Mark Beaber, financial adviser to World Cup winner Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland.

World record

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, April 17, (Reuter): Ethiopia's Belayneh Dinsamo set a world best time for the men's marathon today when he clocked two hours six minutes 49 seconds in the Rotterdam marathon.

The previous mark of 2:07.12 was set by Portugal's Carlos Lopes here on April 20, 1985. Djibouti's Ahmed Saleh, who came second, was also inside the previous world best with 2:07.07.

WEST INDIES SCORE 329 FOR EIGHT

Richards hits Pakistan for century



Richards: curbed his natural aggression

PORT-OF-SPAIN, April 17, (Reuter): West Indies batted with great determination and character yesterday to reach 329-8 in their second innings at the close of the third day of the second Test.

Trailing Pakistan by 20 in the first innings, they now have a lead of 309 with 2 wickets in hand. The West Indies were indebted to their captain, Vivian Richards, who after being missed on only 16 by keeper Saleem Yousuf off the admirable Imran, went on to make a quite magnificent 123.

It was not vintage Richards for he curbed his natural aggression in deference to his team's needs, but it was an innings of courage and unflinching concentration. Wicketkeeper Jeffrey Dujon, who came to the wicket at 175-5, also played a marvellously responsible innings batting for 220 minutes and ending 70 n.o. at the close.

Richards' priceless innings was scored off 180 balls and included 13 fours. It was a remarkably gutsy effort from the West Indies captain, in only his sixth first class innings this year. In the latter stages of his time at the crease he was in considerable discomfort owing to cramp.

Having batted for almost exactly five hours, he played a rather tired shot to a swinging full toss from Wasim Akram and was lbw.

The great man shared in two vital partnerships of 94 and 97 with Carl Hooper and Jeff Dujon, which lifted West Indies almost into a position of ascendancy.

Hooper contributed a stubborn 26 off 92 balls while Dujon went to a fine 50 off 94 balls. Imran Khan produced yet another memorable display of fast bowling in taking five for 96. He dismissed Richie Richardson with his sixth ball of the day enticing the Antiguan into playing at a ball outside off stump that left him and took the edge to Yousuf.

Imran took his fifth wicket of the innings and his 20th of the series when he had Hooper brilliantly caught one-handed by Ijaz Ahmed at short leg.

Thereafter the Pakistani captain laboured a little, no doubt tired from having to bowl so many overs — 30 in all — and frustrated by a wicket that was noticeably slower after Richards' decision to use the heavy roller before the start of play.

Abdul Qadir took his 200th Test wicket when he bowled Malcolm Marshall, who tried to cut a googly having made only two. The Pakistanis were hurt by an injury to Ijaz Faqih who had a swollen finger, injured while fielding. He could only bowl three overs all day which cost him 19 runs. Qadir bowled 25 overs and had overall figures of 2-119 off 38.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES 1st innings 174 (V. Richards 49, Imran 4-38, Abdul Qadir 4-83)

PAKISTAN 1st innings 194 (S. Malik 66, M. Marshall 4-55) WEST INDIES 2nd innings (overnight 78-3) G. Greenidge c sub (Anjum) b Imran 29 D. Haynes c Ijaz Ahmed b Imran 40 R. Richardson c Yousuf b Imran 40 A. Logie b Imran 61 V. Richards lbw b Akram 123 C. Hooper c Ijaz Ahmed b Imran 26 J. Dujon not out 70 M. Marshall b Qadir 2 C. Ambrose lbw b Qadir 9 W. Benjamin not out 18 Extras (b-5 lb-9 nb-5) 19 Total (for eight wickets) 129 Fall of wickets: 1-1 2-54 3-66 4-81 5-175 6-272 7-284 8-301.

To bat: C. Walsh Bowling figures: Imran 37-8-96-5, Akram 23-7-10-1, Qadir 38-3-119-2, Faqih 4-4-22-0, Shoaib 2-0-8-0.

Lendl ends injury-enforced absence

MONTE CARLO, April 17, (Reuter): Ivan Lendl ends an injury-enforced absence of two months when he returns to the tennis circuit at the Monte Carlo Open which begins tomorrow.

Top seed Lendl, whose position as world number one has been eroded considerably this year, has been sidelined by a stress fracture in his right foot and will be playing in Monte Carlo for the first time since he won the tournament in 1985.

Defending champion Mats Wilander of Sweden, whose participation was in doubt because of sinusitis and a high temperature during the week, has recovered sufficiently to keep his place in the draw, which was put back to this evening to see if he would be fit.

Australian Open champion Wilander, who has closed the gap behind Lendl to fractionally over 22 points in the computer rankings, received a bye, as did the other leading seeds, into the second round.

Resident The presence of West German former Wimbledon champion Boris Becker — a Monte Carlo resident like Wilander — makes it the first tournament of the year featuring Lendl, Wilander and Becker together.

But it will be without Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir, who has been troubled by a back injury and was ousted by unranked local Shuzo Matsuoka in the Japanese Grand Prix last Thursday.

Three years ago Lendl came to Monte Carlo reluctantly, unwilling to sandwich a European tournament between two in the US but left after successfully completing the second leg of a remarkable treble of straight tournament wins on different surfaces.

Monte Carlo is an important clay-court tournament in the run-up to the French Open in five weeks when Lendl aims to keep the title he has won three times in the past four years.

Wilander has made great inroads into Lendl's lead in the computer rankings this year following victories in the Australian Open and Key Biscayne, although he suffered a reverse a week ago when he lost both his singles in the Davis Cup quarterfinal against Czechoslovakia.

Beaten The Swede, runner-up to Lendl in both the French and US Open finals last year, won the Monte Carlo crown in 1983 and 1987 and was beaten finalist in 1984 and 1985.

Former French Open champion Yannick Noah, who made an early exit last year, looks in good shape following semifinal appearances in Key Biscayne and Dallas and strong form in the French Davis Cup quarterfinal win over Australia.

When his ball landed on the bank of a pond on Friday, a snake emerged from the water to grab a dead fish. In its quest for dinner the reptile knocked Toulson's ball into the water, said David Toms, a playing partner from Louisiana state who was nearby.

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